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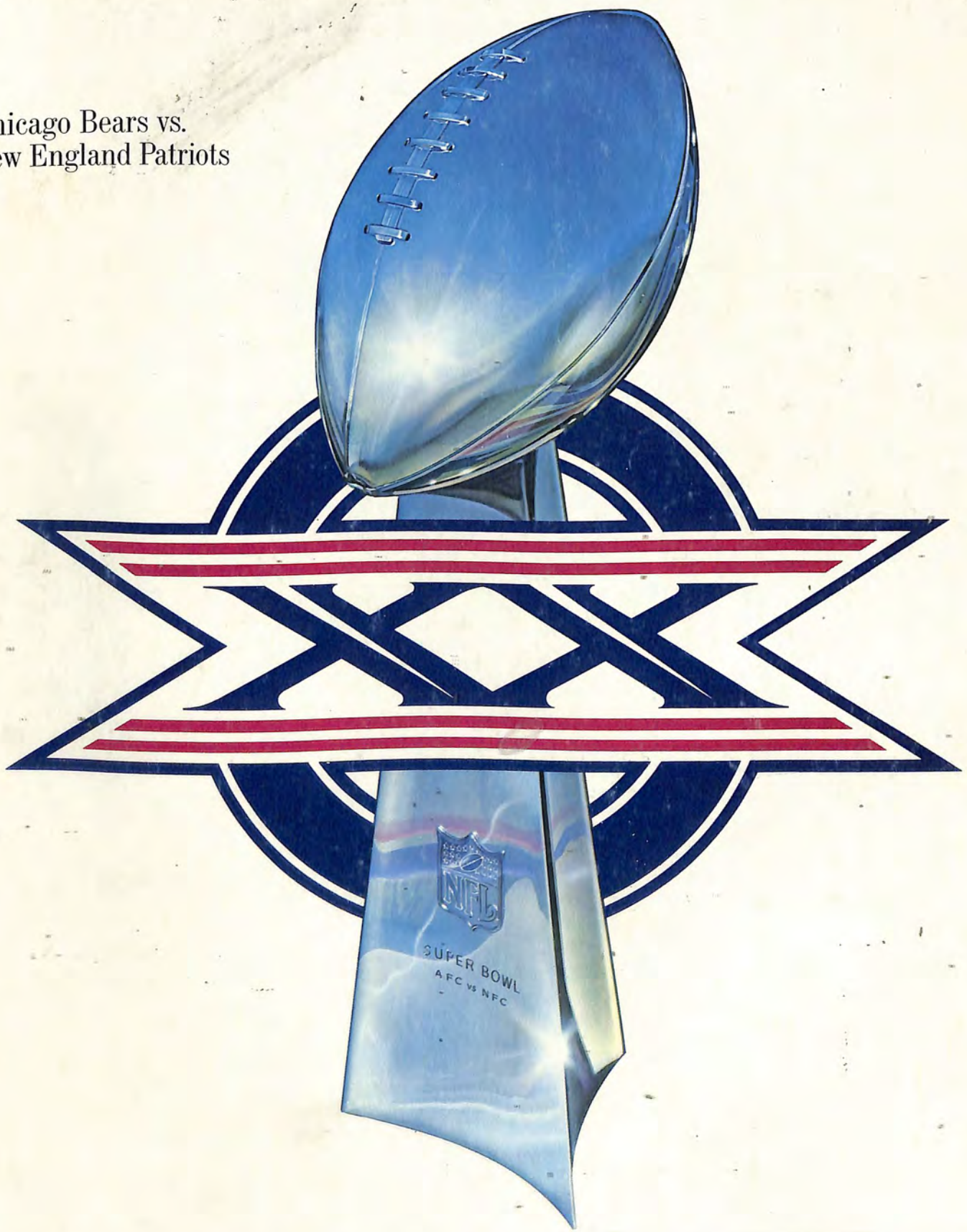

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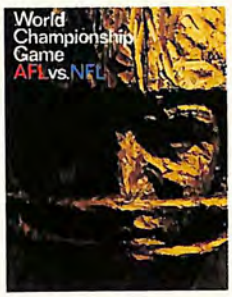

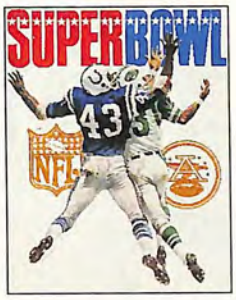

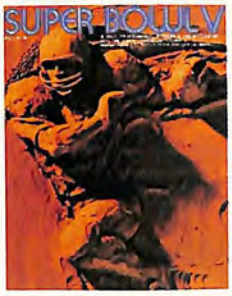

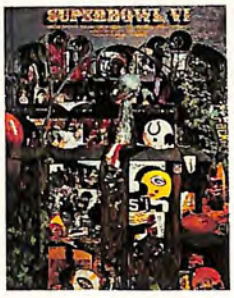

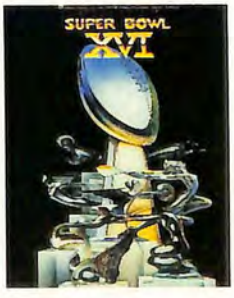

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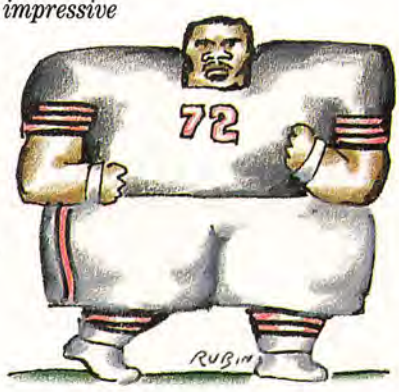

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Louisiana, home of Super Bowl XX, also has been called "home" by an unusual number of football players who have had illustrious careers in the NFL.

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Bart Starr and Terry Bradshaw were two-time winners on a list of Super Bowl MVPs that reads like a pro football Who's Who.

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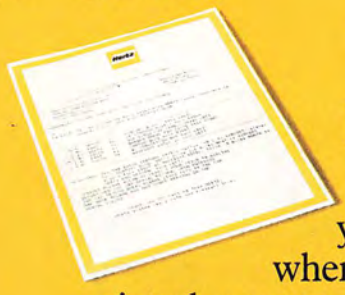

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SIDELIGHTS

MVP VIPs

There will be plenty of action on the Superdome playing field today before the ball ever leaves the tee for the opening kickoff.

The fun starts with the pregame show, a twentieth anniversary salute to the Super Bowl, produced by Bob Best. This tribute to the previous 19 games will feature the introduction of each game's most valuable player. As each MVP enters the field in an antique Buick convertible (provided by the Buick Club of America), the Superdome Super Screens will be showing that Super Bowl's highlights, accompanied by a representative song from the same year.

The National Anthem, and appearances by the U.S. Naval 50-State Flag Team and Naval Color Guard, will follow the conclusion of the Super Bowl salute.

After the anthem, all 17 Super Bowl MVPs will return to the field for the coin toss to the tune of "This Is the NFL," a song written and sung by Jeffrey Osborne and introduced at Super Bowl XIX. Former Green Bay Packers quarterback and coach Bart Starr, who was the most valuable player of Super Bowls I and II, will do the actual tossing of the coin (a Statue of Liberty commemorative medallion). B.J. Thomas also will sing "America Is," in honor of "Lady Liberty."

Members Only

There is an exclusive group at the Superdome today—the 24 members of the media "Super Bowl Club" who have worked every Super Bowl game. The club includes 16 writers, one broadcaster, and seven photographers. The writers are Si Burick, Robert Burnes, Dick Connor, Art Daley, Mel Durslag, Larry Felser, Jerry Green; Jerry Izenberg, Dave Klein, Augie Lio, Will McDonough, Norm Miller, Bob Oates, Ed Pope, Cooper Rollow, and John Steadman. The broadcaster is Canada's John Seguin. The photographers are John Biever, Vernon Biever, Malcolm Emmons, Walter Iooss, Jr., Mickey Palmer, Dick Raphael, and Tony Tomsic.

Game Facts

The AFC champion will be the home team for Super Bowl XX and will use the west bench. The NFC champion will be the visiting team and use the east bench. The AFC champion, as the home team, will have the choice of wearing colored or white jerseys.

Each member of the winning team will receive $36,000, and each member of the losing team will receive $18,000—in excess of $2.6 million for the personnel of the competing clubs.

There will be seven officials, selected by a season-long grading system: referee, umpire, line judge, head linesman, back judge, side judge, and field judge, plus two alternates.

The scoreboard clock will be official.

If the game is tied at the end of the regulation 60 minutes, it will continue in sudden-death overtime. The team scoring first—by safety, field goal, or touchdown—will win. NFL preseason and regular-season games have a maximum of one 15-minute overtime period, but in postseason games, play continues by 15-minute periods, with two-minute intermissions, until there is a winner.

STAN CAPLAN

The Ring's the Thing

The latest Super Bowl ring, designed by Josten's of Minneapolis, Minnesota, to commemorate the 49ers' Super Bowl XIX victory, has an especially striking design. It features two raised images of the Vince Lombardi Trophy (representing San Francisco's two Super Bowl wins), with two large, marquis-cut diamonds replacing the footballs in the trophies. The trophy images are surrounded by a field of 33 more diamonds, and include the words "San Francisco Forty Niners World Champions." One shank features a 49ers helmet and the ring recipient's name. The other shank shows the Super Bowl XIX logo above a miniature relief of the Golden Gate Bridge, and the game score. The 10k gold ring weighs approximately 30 pennyweight.

JIM CHAFFIN

Super Ball

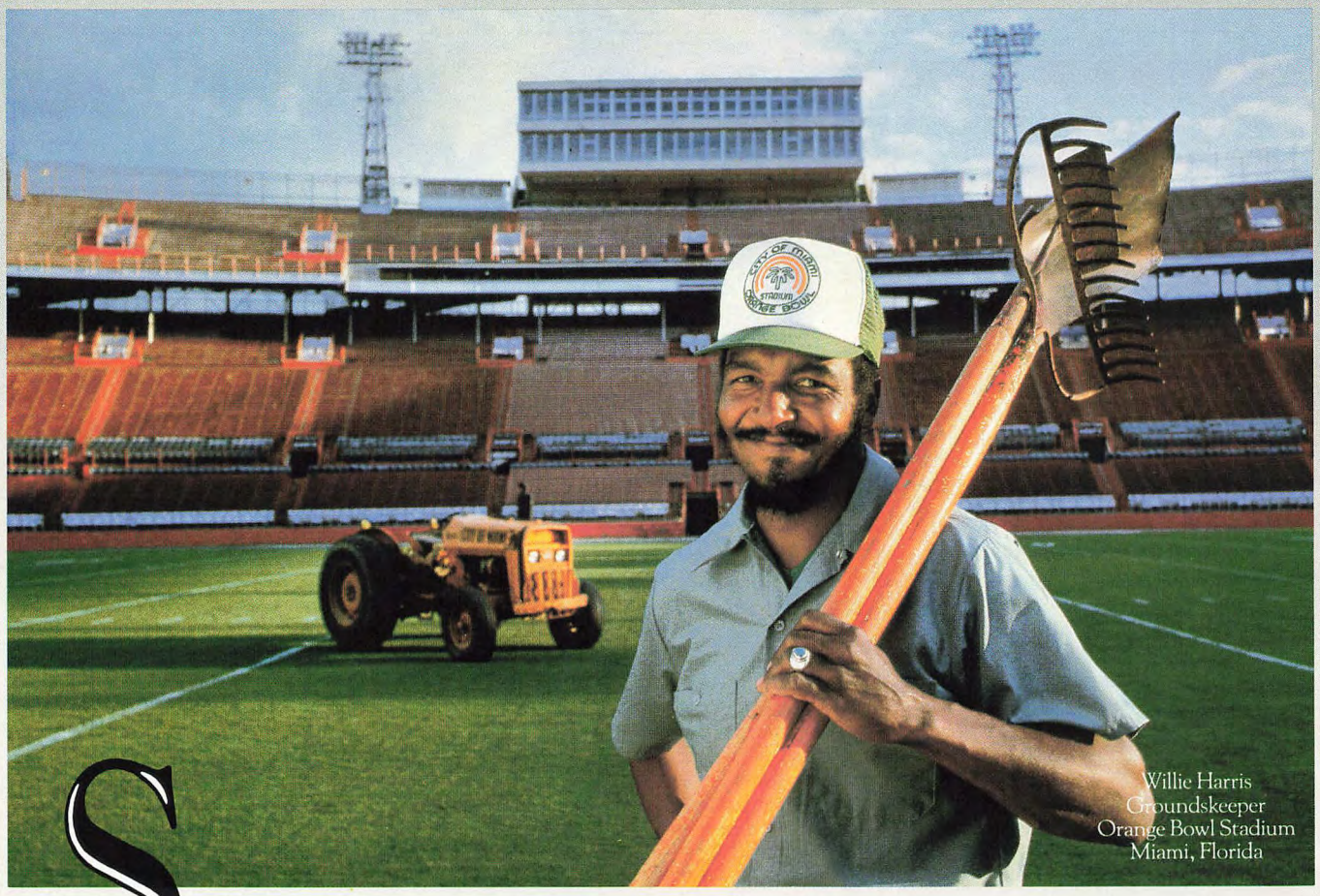
A special Super Bowl XX commemorative model of the Wilson regulation NFL football will be used in today's game. It is the same as the ball used in all NFL games with the exception of the graphics. The Super Bowl XX ball features the game's logo on one side and the names of the two competing teams, the date, and the site on the other side. A limited number of these commemorative footballs are available at retail in the New Orleans area.

That's the Way It Is

Last night, the New Orleans Council of the Boy Scouts of America joined the NFL Alumni in hosting the fourth annual Player of the Year Awards Dinner. Proceeds from the $1,000-a-plate dinner will benefit the Boy Scouts, the largest youth organization in the country.

The NFL Alumni Player of the Year Awards are presented to the best running back, quarterback, tight end, wide receiver, offensive lineman, defensive lineman, linebacker, defensive back, kicker, kick returner, and special teams player. The 8,500 members of the NFL Alumni select the winners, voting only for the positions they played.

Another highlight of the dinner was the presentation of the NFL Alumni's Old Hero Award to Walter Cronkite of CBS for his distinguished conduct, which presents a positive role model for youth.



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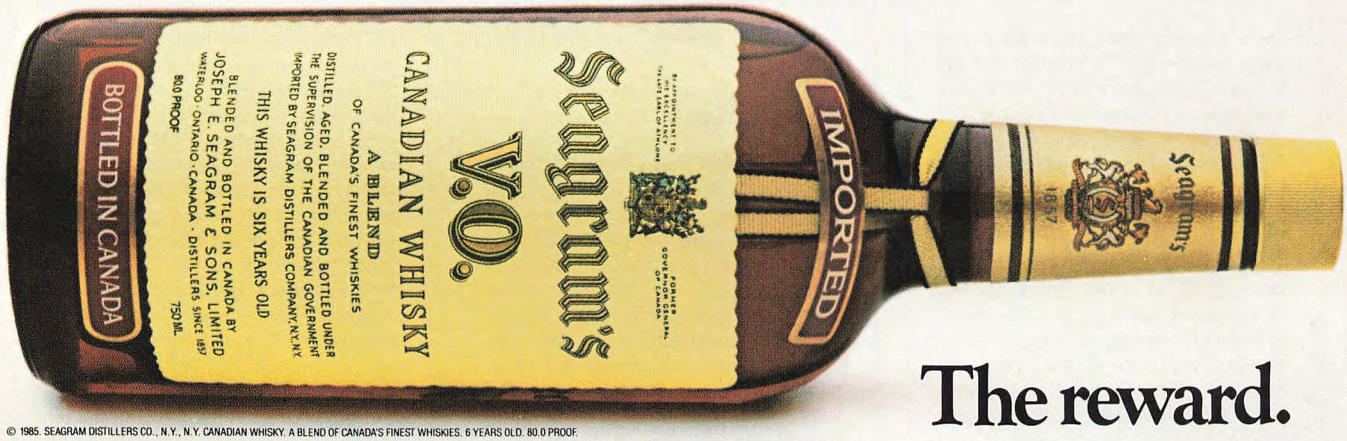

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Up With People performs at Super Bowl XVI.

More than 500 students from 22 countries will be joining together for the 12-minute extravaganza. Up With People will transform the Louisiana Superdome from a football field into a futurescape. The show also will feature the active involvement of the in-stadium audience. Original material will be combined with current popular hits, set off with special stage and lighting effects, flags, and national costumes. Details of the finale are being kept secret but judging by past performances at Games X, XIV, and XVI, it will be spectacular.

The four casts combining in the halftime show will be on separate tours all over the world prior to the game. Consequently, field formations had to be divided into four quadrants and each cast had to rehearse its section of the field while on tour.

Up With People is a Tucson, Arizona-based, educational and cultural organization whose aim is "to promote understanding among all people."

Looking Ahead

Here are the dates and sites of the next four Super Bowls:
Super Bowl XXI, January 25, 1987, Rose Bowl, Pasadena.
Super Bowl XXII, January 31, 1988, San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium.
Super Bowl XXIII, January 22, 1989, Dolphin Stadium (now under construction), Miami.
Super Bowl XXIV, January 28, 1990, Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans.

Superdome Superdata

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Super Bowl XX marks the sixth Super Bowl game to be played in New Orleans, more than any other city. The six games have been equally divided between Tulane Stadium (Games IV, VI, and IX) and the Louisiana Superdome (XII, XV, and XX).

The Louisiana Superdome was opened August 3, 1975. It occupies a 52-acre site. The dome is 273 feet high, with a diameter of 680 feet. Six 22 x 26-foot screens are displayed on a 75-ton gondola suspended from the middle of the roof. The Superdome, which has an AstroTurf playing surface, has a capacity of 73,500.

A total of 1,557,190 people have attended the first 19 Super Bowls. The largest crowd was 103,985 at Super Bowl XIV, Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Los Angeles Rams, at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

JIM CORNFIELD

The NFC's Halas Trophy.

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The AFC's Hunt Trophy.

Trophy Case Studies

The Vince Lombardi Trophy (illustrated on the program cover), awarded to the winning Super Bowl team, is symbolic of the championship of the NFL. Designed by Oscar Riedener of Tiffany and Company in 1966 for Super Bowl I, the sterling silver trophy stands 20 inches high and weighs seven pounds. It was named three years later for the late Vince Lombardi, who coached Green Bay to victories in the first two Super Bowls.

The trophy depicts a regulation-size football in kicking position on a tapering elongated base with three concave sides. On the front surface of the base is engraved "Vince Lombardi Trophy." Below that appear the NFL shield and the words "Super Bowl" and "AFC vs. NFC." After the game, the trophy is returned to Tiffany for engraving of the names of the competing teams and the score.

Each conference champion also receives a special trophy, the AFC's named for Lamar Hunt and the NFC's for the late George Halas. These trophies, based on an original design by artist Don Weller, were presented for the first time following the 1984 season. The 49ers and Dolphins received their trophies at special ceremonies during their opening games this season. All future conference champions will receive their trophies in the locker room after each championship game. The Hunt and Halas trophies are football-shaped with a raised frieze depicting game action and the monogram emblem of the respective conference set on a chrome and rosewood base.

Super Bowl Insiders

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Herskowitz

Two of America's most valuable creative people, artist Merv Corning and writer Mickey Herskowitz, teamed to produce the tribute to the 17 Super Bowl most valuable players in today's game program that begins on page 66.

Corning has been painting his distinctive water colors and oils of NFL players and scenes since 1968. Though he's painted more than 100 NFL subjects, he found the Super Bowl MVP portraits exhilarating. "It's exciting to paint the best players," Corning says. "You get more involved when you work on players of the caliber of Bradshaw and Swann and Starr."

The latest of many books Herskowitz has worked on, autobiographies of Bette Davis and Flip Wilson are due to be published in 1986. After the time-out from sports to finish those projects, Herskowitz is glad to be back writing three sports columns a week for the *Houston Post*, and covering the Super Bowl today.

Of the Super Bowl MVPs he says, "What I found interesting is how hard it is to define a most valuable performance. Often it doesn't show up statistically. It can be more a feeling rather than actual numbers, an impression of intangibles—how a particular player affects, controls, and influences a game."

Two-Way Trumpeter

COLUMBIA RECORDS/GARY HEERY

If there were an all-pro team for musicians, Wynton Marsalis would be on the roster at the trumpet position. He will play the National Anthem prior to the kickoff of today's game.

Though jazz is his first love, Marsalis, a New Orleans native, also is a renowned classical musician. He made musical history at the Grammy Awards ceremony in February, 1984, when he became the first instrumentalist to win Grammies in the categories of Jazz (Best Soloist) and Classical Music (Best Soloist with Orchestra). He repeated the feat in 1985.

The Tube Team

NBC's telecast of Super Bowl XX will be complemented by the talents of sportcasters Dick Enberg, Merlin Olsen, and Bob Griese in the broadcasting booth. Enberg will handle the play-by-play, and Olsen the color commentary. Griese will provide high-tech game analysis on a Telestrator, a video marvel that allows a replay to be diagrammed as if on a chalkboard. Behind the scenes there will be a production crew of 120 people; 21 cameras, including one mounted overhead in the superstructure of the Superdome; and 14 tape machines, each of which allows reverse-angle replays.

The broadcast will be seen in 31 foreign countries and will be carried by the U.S. Armed Forces radio and television service.

According to coordinating producer and Super Bowl broadcast director Ted Nathanson (the producer is George Finkel), today's Super Bowl telecast will be close captioned for hearing impaired viewers. Otherwise, he says, it will not be significantly different from that of a regular-season game.

Super Bowl XX also will be carried by NBC Radio. The radio broadcast, featuring the announcing team of Don Criqui and Bob Trumpy, will be followed by "NFL Live," an hour-long call-in sports talk show hosted by Trumpy. Fans can call in with questions or comments by dialing 1-800-NFL-LIVE.

The Art Game

If anyone can offer a 20-year perspective on Super Bowl theme art-program covers (all of which appear on the gatefold of this program's cover), it is David Boss. As corporate vice president and creative director of NFL Properties' Creative Services Division, he's been the man behind the game's theme art from the beginning.

"From the first, because of printing lead times," Boss says, "we had to deal with the problem of creating a design that looked like an NFL Championship Game program cover without being able to feature the two competing teams. We did try it once, for Game Three. I remember illustrator Merv Corning sitting up all night after the AFL and NFL Championship Games were over to finish a painting of the Jets and Colts. But that was when all we had to worry about was printing enough programs to sell at the stadium. Now we work on the theme art more than a year in advance and print three- to five-hundred thousand programs plus posters.

"After Super Bowl Three, we began doing things with the covers that related to the host cities and the particular styles of art and illustration techniques prevalent at the time. Then, with Game Ten, we changed to put the focus on the Lombardi Trophy. That was 1976, the Bicentennial year, so we cloaked the trophy in an American flag for our first truly photographic cover. That shot has become almost our generic Super Bowl logo. Since Game Ten, every piece of Super Bowl theme illustration has been conceived around the image of the Lombardi Trophy, the main symbol of the game.

"This year," says Boss, "we emphasized the trophy but made the twentieth anniversary logo predominant. We develop the individual game logos as secondary emblems of the games. The logos started becoming factors around Super Bowl Fourteen, when they were in demand for use on officially licensed products and souvenirs. Now they are an integral part of the game art. Almost everybody associated with the game uses the same logo."

Here is a list of Super Bowl artists for Games I through XX: Super Bowl I, Jean Isaacson Runyan (sculpture); II, Jean Isaacson Runyan (design), Ron Wolin (woodcut); III, Merv Corning (water color); IV, Don Weller (mixed media); V, Howard Rogers (bas relief plaque); VI, Mike Gaines (construction); VII, Don Weller (lucite and neon sculpture), Stan Caplan (photograph); VIII, Peter Palombi (engraved brass plate photographed on cowhide); IX, Bart Forbes (Dr. Martin's dyes); X, Stan Caplan (photograph); XI, Peter Palombi (mixed media, airbrush rendering); XII, Donald Moss (tempra); XIII, Peter Lloyd (airbrush rendering); XIV, Chuck Ren (acrylics); XV, Stan Caplan (photograph); XVI, Andy Zito (airbrush rendering); XVII, Charles E. White III (airbrush rendering); XVIII, James Endicott (pen and ink, water color); XIX, Baron Wolman (photograph); XX, Chris Hopkins (airbrush rendering), Tom Nikosey (logo design).

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X	Jan. 18, 1976	Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17
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XVI	Jan. 24, 1982	San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21
XVII	Jan. 30, 1983	Washington 27, Miami 17
XVIII	Jan. 22, 1984	L.A. Raiders 38, Washington 9
XIX	Jan. 20, 1985	San Francisco 38, Miami 16

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Service

Most games
- 5 Larry Cole, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
  Marv Fleming, Green Bay, I, II; Miami, VI, VII, VIII
  Cliff Harris, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
  D.D. Lewis, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
  Preston Pearson, Baltimore, III; Pittsburgh, IX; Dallas, X, XII, XIII
  Charlie Waters, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
  Rayfield Wright, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
- 4 By many players

Most games, winning team
- 4 By many players

Most games, coach
- 6 Don Shula, Baltimore, III; Miami, VI, VII, VIII, XVII, XIX
- 5 Tom Landry, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
- 4 Harry (Bud) Grant, Minnesota, IV, VIII, IX, XI
  Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh, IX, X, XIII, XIV

Most games, winning team, coach
- 4 Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh, IX, X, XIII, XIV
- 2 Vince Lombardi, Green Bay, I, II
  Tom Landry, Dallas, VI, XII
  Don Shula, Miami, VII, VIII
  Tom Flores, Oakland, XV; Los Angeles Raiders, XVIII
  Bill Walsh, San Francisco, XVI, XIX

Scoring

Most points, career
- 24 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (4-td)
- 22 Ray Wersching, San Francisco, 2 games (7-pat, 5 fg)

Most points, game
- 18 Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX (3-td)

Most touchdowns, career
- 4 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (4-r)
- 3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games (3-p)
  Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games (3-p)
  Cliff Branch, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 3 games (3-p)
  Roger Craig, San Francisco, 1 game (1-r, 2-p)

Most touchdowns, game
- 3 Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX (1-r, 2-p)
- 2 Max McGee, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (2-p)
  Elijah Pitts, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (2-r)
  Bill Miller, Oakland vs. Green Bay, II (2-p)
  Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII (2-r)
  Pete Banaszak, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI (2-r)
  John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII (2-p)
  Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV (2-r)
  Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (2-p)
  Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI (2-p)

Most points after touchdown, career
- 8 Don Chandler, Green Bay, 2 games (8 att)
  Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh, 3 games (9 att)
  Chris Bahr, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 2 games (8 att)
- 7 Ray Wersching, San Francisco, 2 games (7 att)

Most points after touchdown, game
- 5 Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (5 att)
  Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII (5 att)
  Chris Bahr, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII (5 att)
  Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX (5 att)

Most field goals attempted, career
- 7 Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh, 3 games
- 6 Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets-Denver, 2 games

Most field goals attempted, game
- 5 Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
  Efren Herrera, Dallas vs. Denver, XII

Most field goals, career
- 5 Ray Wersching, San Francisco, 2 games (5 att)
- 4 Don Chandler, Green Bay, 2 games (4 att)
  Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets-Denver, 2 games (6 att)
  Uwe von Schamann, Miami, 2 games (4 att)

Most field goals, game
- 4 Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
  Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, XVI

Longest field goal
- 48 Jan Stenerud, Kansas City vs. Minnesota, IV

Most safeties, game
- 1 Dwight White, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX
  Reggie Harrison, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X

Rushing

Most attempts, career
- 101 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 64 John Riggins, Washington, 2 games

Most attempts, game
- 38 John Riggins, Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Most yards gained, career
- 354 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 297 Larry Csonka, Miami, 3 games

Most yards gained, game
- 191 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

Longest run from scrimmage
- 74 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII (TD)

Highest average gain, career (20 attempts)
- 9.6 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders, 1 game (20-191)
- 5.3 Walt Garrison, Dallas, 2 games (26-139)

Highest average gain, game (10 attempts)
- 10.5 Tom Matte, Baltimore vs. N.Y. Jets, III (11-116)

Most touchdowns, career
- 4 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 2 Elijah Pitts, Green Bay, 1 game
  Jim Kiick, Miami, 3 games
  Larry Csonka, Miami, 3 games
  Pete Banaszak, Oakland, 2 games
  Marcus Allen, Los Angeles Raiders, 1 game
  John Riggins, Washington, 2 games

Most touchdowns, game
- 2 Elijah Pitts, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
  Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII
  Pete Banaszak, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI
  Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV
  Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

Passing

Most attempts, career
- 98 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games
- 89 Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games

Most attempts, game
- 50 Dan Marino, Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Most completions, career
- 61 Roger Staubach, Dallas 4, games
- 49 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most completions, game
- 29 Dan Marino, Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Highest completion percentage, career (40 attempts)
- 66.7 Joe Montana, San Francisco, 2 games (57-38)
- 63.6 Len Dawson, Kansas City, 2 games (44-28)

Highest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
- 73.5 Ken Anderson, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI (34-25)

Most yards gained, career
- 932 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 734 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games

Most yards gained, game
- 331 Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Longest completion
- 80 Jim Plunkett (to King), Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (TD)

Highest average gain, career (40 attempts)
- 11.10 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games (84-932)
- 9.62 Bart Starr, Green Bay, 2 games (47-452)

Highest average gain, game (20 attempts)
- 14.71 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh vs. L.A. Rams, XIV (21-309)

Most touchdown passes, career
- 9 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 8 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games

Most touchdown passes, game
- 4 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII

Lowest percentage, passes had intercepted, career (40 attempts)
- 0.00 Joe Montana, San Francisco, 2 games (57-0)
  Jim Plunkett, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 2 games (46-0)
- 2.13 Bart Starr, Green Bay, 2 games (47-1)

Most attempts, without interception, game
- 35 Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Most interceptions, career
- 7 Craig Morton, Dallas-Denver, 2 games
- 6 Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games

Most interceptions, game
- 4 Craig Morton, Denver vs. Dallas, XII

Pass Receptions

Most receptions, career
- 16 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 15 Chuck Foreman, Minnesota, 3 games

Most receptions, game
- 11 Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI

Most yards gained, career
- 364 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 268 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most yards gained, game
- 161 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X

Longest reception
- 80 Kenny King (from Plunkett), Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (TD)

Highest average gain, career (8 receptions)
- 24.4 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games (11-268)
- 22.8 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games (16-364)

Highest average gain, game (3 receptions)
- 40.3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV (3-121)

Most touchdowns, career
- 3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games
  Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
  Cliff Branch, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 3 games
- 2 Max McGee, Green Bay, 2 games
  Bill Miller, Oakland, 1 game
  Butch Johnson, Dallas, 2 games
  Dan Ross, Cincinnati, 1 game
  Roger Craig, San Francisco, 1 game

Most touchdowns, game
- 2 Max McGee, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
  Bill Miller, Oakland vs. Green Bay, II
  John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
  Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV
  Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI
  Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Punting

Most punts, career
- 17 Mike Eischeid, Oakland-Minnesota, 3 games
- 15 Larry Seiple, Miami, 3 games

Most punts, game
- 9 Ron Widby, Dallas vs. Baltimore, V

Longest punt
- 61 Jerrel Wilson, Kansas City vs. Green Bay, I

Highest average, career (10 punts)
- 46.5 Jerrel Wilson, Kansas City, 2 games (11-151)
- 41.9 Ray Guy, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 3 games (14-587)

Highest average, game (4 punts)
- 48.5 Jerrel Wilson, Kansas City vs. Minnesota, IV

Punt Returns

Most punt returns, career
- 6 Willie Wood, Green Bay, 2 games
  Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games
  Theo Bell, Pittsburgh, 2 games
  Mike Nelms, Washington, 1 game
- 5 Dana McLemore, San Francisco, 1 game

Most punt returns, game
- 6 Mike Nelms, Washington vs. Miami, XVII
- 5 Willie Wood, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
  Dana McLemore, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Most fair catches, game
- 3 Ron Gardin, Baltimore vs. Dallas, V
  Golden Richards, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X
  Greg Pruitt, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

Most yards gained, career
- 52 Mike Nelms, Washington, 1 game
- 51 Dana McLemore, San Francisco, 1 game

Most yards gained, game
- 52 Mike Nelms, Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Longest return
- 34 Darrell Green, Washington vs. L.A. Raiders, XVIII

Highest average, career (4 returns)
- 10.8 Neal Colzie, Oakland, 1 game (4-43)
- 10.2 Dana McLemore, San Francisco, 1 game (5-51)

Highest average, game (3 returns)
- 11.3 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Most touchdowns, game
- None

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Kickoff Returns

Most kickoff returns, career
8 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games
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7 Preston Pearson, Baltimore-Pittsburgh-Dallas, 5 games

Most kickoff returns, game
5 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV
Billy Campfield, Philadelphia vs. Oakland, XV
David Verser, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI
Alvin Garrett, Washington vs. L.A. Raiders, XVIII

Most yards gained, career
283 Fulton Walker, Miami, 2 games
207 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games

Most yards gained, game
190 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII

Longest return
98 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII

Highest average, career (4 returns)
35.4 Fulton Walker, Miami, 2 games (8-283)
25.9 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games (8-207)

Highest average, game (3 returns)
47.5 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII (4-190)

Most touchdowns, game
1 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII

Interceptions By

Most interceptions by, career
3 Chuck Howley, Dallas, 2 games
Rod Martin, Oakland, 1 game
2 Randy Beverly, N.Y. Jets, 1 game
Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games
Mike Wagner, Pittsburgh, 3 games
Mel Blount, Pittsburgh, 4 games
Eric Wright, San Francisco, 2 games

Most interceptions by, game
3 Rod Martin, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV

Most yards gained, career
75 Willie Brown, Oakland, 2 games
63 Chuck Howley, Dallas, 2 games
Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games

Most yards gained, game
75 Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI

Longest return
75 Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI (TD)

Most touchdowns, game
1 Herb Adderley, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI
Jack Squirek, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

Fumbles

Most fumbles, career
5 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games
3 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most fumbles, game
3 Roger Staubach, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X

Most fumbles recovered, career
2 Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games (1 own, 1 opp)
Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games (2 own)
Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (2 own)
Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games (2 own)
Bobby Walden, Pittsburgh, 2 games (2 own)
John Fitzgerald, Dallas, 4 games (2 own)
Randy Hughes, Dallas, 3 games (2 opp)
Butch Johnson, Dallas, 2 games (2 own)

Most fumbles recovered, game
2 Jake Scott, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII (1 own, 1 opp)
Roger Staubach, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X (2 own)
Randy Hughes, Dallas vs. Denver, XII (2 opp)
Butch Johnson, Dallas vs. Denver, XII (2 own)

Most yards gained, game
49 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (opp)

Longest return
49 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (TD)

Most touchdowns, game
1 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (opp 49 yds)
Mike Hegman, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, XIII (opp 37 yds)

Combined Net Yards Gained

Most attempts, career
108 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
66 John Riggins, Washington, 2 games

Most attempts, game
39 John Riggins, Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Most yards gained, career
468 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
391 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most yards gained, game
209 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

TEAM RECORDS

Games, Victories, Defeats

Most games
5 Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
Miami, VI, VII, VIII, XVII, XIX

Most consecutive games
3 Miami, VI, VII, VIII

Most games won
4 Pittsburgh, IX, X, XIII, XIV

Most consecutive games won
2 Green Bay, I, II
Miami, VII, VIII
Pittsburgh, IX, X; XIII, XIV

Most games lost
4 Minnesota, IV, VIII, IX, XI

Most consecutive games lost
2 Minnesota, VIII, IX

Scoring

Most points, game
38 L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Fewest points, game
3 Miami vs. Dallas, VI

Most points, both teams, game
66 Pittsburgh (35) vs. Dallas (31), XIII

Fewest points, both teams, game
21 Washington (7) vs. Miami (14), VII

Largest margin of victory, game
29 L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

Most points, each half
1st: 28 San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX
2nd: 21 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV
Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI

Most points, each quarter
1st: 14 Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII
Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV
2nd: 21 San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX
3rd: 14 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
4th: 14 Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X; vs. Dallas, XIII; vs. Los Angeles, XIV
Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, XIII
Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI
Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Most points, both teams, each half
1st: 44 San Francisco (28) vs. Miami (16), XIX
2nd: 31 Dallas (17) vs. Pittsburgh (14), XIII

Most points, both teams, each quarter
1st: 17 Miami (10) vs. San Francisco (7), XIX
2nd: 27 San Francisco (21) vs. Miami (6), XIX
3rd: 20 L.A. Raiders (14) vs. Washington (6), XVIII
4th: 28 Dallas (14) vs. Pittsburgh (14), XIII

Most touchdowns, game
5 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Fewest touchdowns, game
0 Miami vs. Dallas, VI

Most touchdowns, both teams, game
9 Pittsburgh (5) vs. Dallas (4), XIII

Fewest touchdowns, both teams, game
2 Baltimore (1) vs. N.Y. Jets (1), III

Most points after touchdown, game
5 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Most points after touchdown, both teams, game
9 Pittsburgh (5) vs. Dallas (4), XIII

Fewest points after touchdown, both teams, game
2 Baltimore (1) vs. N.Y. Jets (1), III
Baltimore (1) vs. Dallas (1), V
Minnesota (0) vs. Pittsburgh (2), IX

Most field goals attempted, game
5 N.Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
Dallas vs. Denver, XII

Most field goals attempted, both teams, game
7 N.Y. Jets (5) vs. Baltimore (2), III

Fewest field goals attempted, both teams, game
1 Minnesota (0) vs. Miami (1), VIII

Most field goals, game
4 Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, XVI

Most field goals, both teams, game
4 Green Bay (4) vs. Oakland (0), II
San Francisco (4) vs. Cincinnati (0), XVI
Miami (3) vs. San Francisco (1), XIX

Fewest field goals, both teams, game
0 Miami vs. Washington, VII
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Most safeties, game
1 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX; vs. Dallas, X

Net Yards Gained Rushing and Passing

Most yards gained, game
537 San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Fewest yards gained, game
119 Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX

Most yards gained, both teams, game
851 San Francisco (537) vs. Miami (314), XIX

Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
452 Minnesota (119) vs. Pittsburgh (333), IX

Rushing

Most attempts, game
57 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Fewest attempts, game
9 Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Most attempts, both teams, game
81 Washington (52) vs. Miami (29), XVII

Fewest attempts, both teams, game
49 Miami (9) vs. San Francisco (40), XIX

Most yards gained, game
276 Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Fewest yards gained, game
17 Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX

Most yards gained, both teams, game
372 Washington (276) vs. Miami (96), XVII

Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
171 Baltimore (69) vs. Dallas (102), V

Highest average gain, game
7.00 L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII (33-231)

Lowest average gain, game
0.81 Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX (21-17)

Most touchdowns, game
3 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII

Fewest touchdowns, game
0 By thirteen teams

Most touchdowns, both teams, game
4 Miami (3) vs. Minnesota (1), VIII

Fewest touchdowns, both teams, game
0 Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X
Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV

Passing

Most attempts, game
50 Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Fewest attempts, game
7 Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII

Most attempts, both teams, game
85 Miami (50) vs. San Francisco (35), XIX

Fewest attempts, both teams, game
35 Miami (7) vs. Minnesota (28), VIII

Most completions, game
29 Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Fewest completions, game
4 Miami vs. Washington, XVII

Most completions, both teams, game
53 Miami (29) vs. San Francisco (24), XIX

Fewest completions, both teams, game
19 Miami (4) vs. Washington (15), XVII

Highest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
73.5 Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI (34-25)

Lowest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
32.0 Denver vs. Dallas, XII (25-8)

Most yards gained, game
326 San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Fewest yards gained, game
35 Denver vs. Dallas, XII

Most yards gained, both teams, game
615 San Francisco (326) vs. Miami (289), XIX

Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
156 Miami (69) vs. Washington (87), VII

Most times sacked, game
7 Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X

Fewest times sacked, game
0 Baltimore vs. N.Y. Jets, III; vs. Dallas, V
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX
Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV
Philadelphia vs. Oakland, XV

Most touchdowns, game
4 Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII

Most touchdowns, both teams, game
7 Pittsburgh (4) vs. Dallas (3), XIII

Punting

Most punts, game
9 Dallas vs. Baltimore, V

Fewest punts, game
2 Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV

Most punts, both teams, game
15 Washington (8) vs. L.A. Raiders (7), XVIII

Fewest punts, both teams, game
6 Oakland (3) vs. Philadelphia (3), XV

Highest average, game (4 punts)
48.50 Kansas City, IV

Lowest average, game (4 punts)
31.20 Washington, VII

Interceptions by

Most interceptions by, game
4 N.Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
Dallas vs. Denver, XII

Most interceptions by, both teams, game
6 Baltimore (3) vs. Dallas (3), V

Most yards gained, game
95 Miami vs. Washington, VII

Most yards gained, both teams, game
95 Miami (95) vs. Washington (0), VII

Most touchdowns, game
1 Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI
L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

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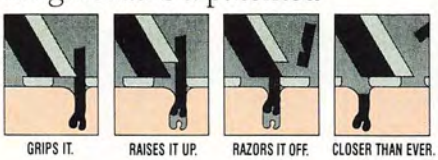

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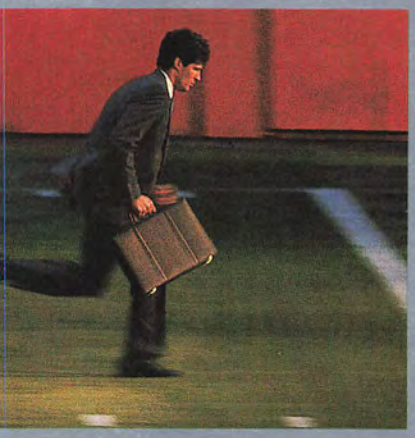

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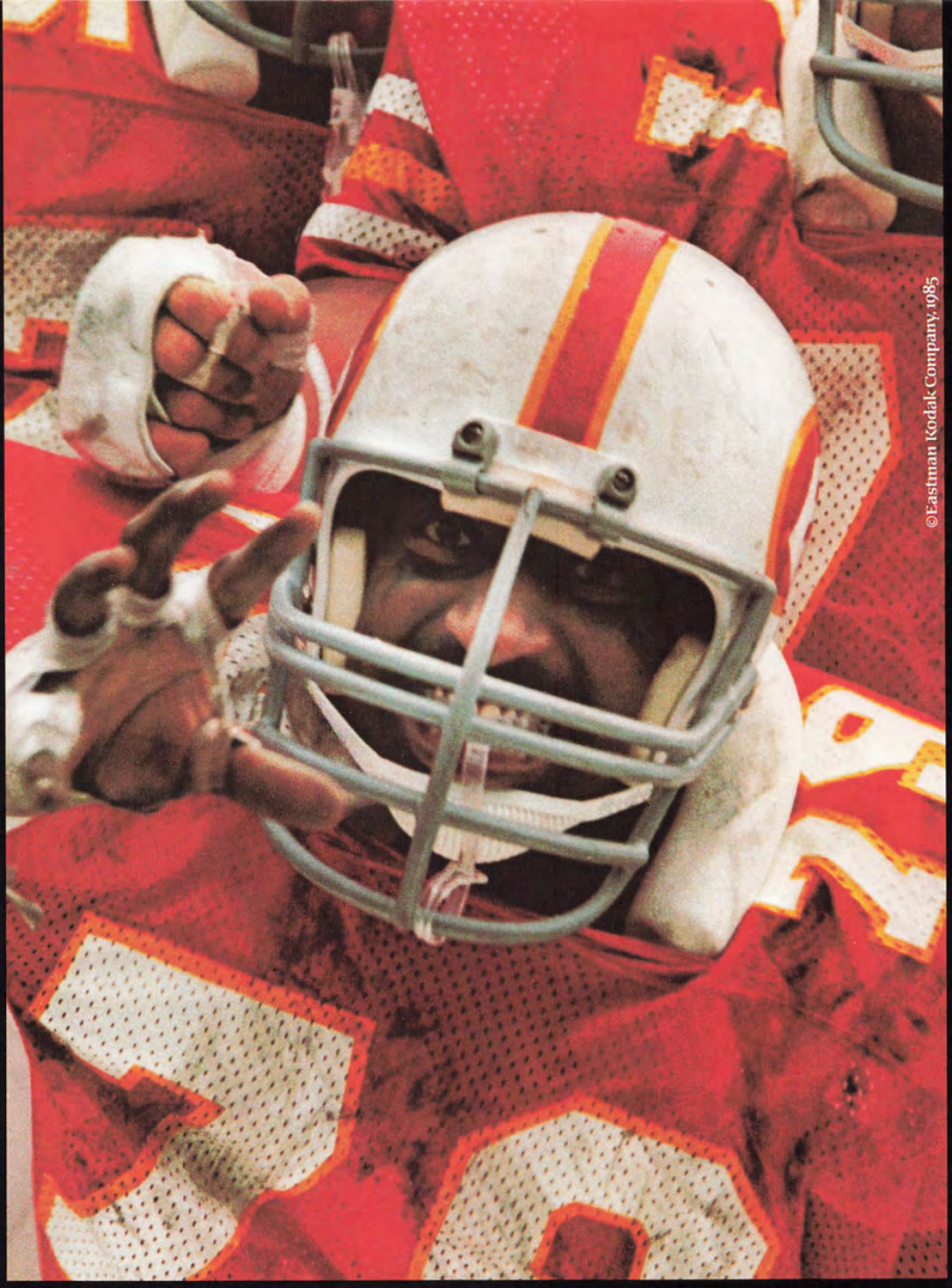

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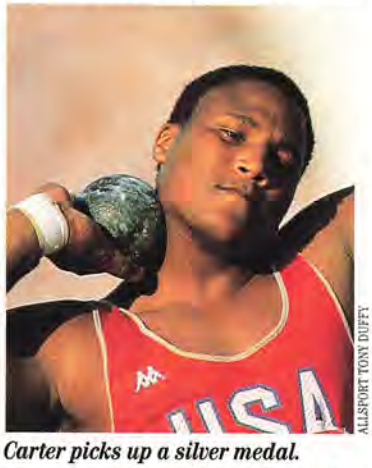
The Miami Dolphins are the only team to have played in a Super Bowl without scoring a touchdown. They earned the "distinction" by losing to Dallas 24-3 in Game VI....Super Bowl I was broadcast live by two television networks, CBS and NBC....Only one wild-card playoff team, Oakland in Game XV, ever has won a Super Bowl....Five months after winning the silver medal in the 1984 Olympic shot put, San



ALLSPORT TONY DUFFY

Carter picks up a silver medal.

Francisco 49ers nose tackle Michael Carter earned a Super Bowl ring in Game XIX—a double that won't be repeated for at least three years.... On the subject of Super Bowl rings, former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Cliff Stoudt owned two of them (XIII and XIV) before he had taken a snap in an NFL game. Stoudt was Terry Bradshaw's backup before he shed his clipboard for a playing role....Of the first 19 Super Bowl sites, four have been used only once: Rice Stadium, Houston, Super Bowl VIII; Pontiac Silverdome, Super Bowl XVI; Tampa Stadium, Super Bowl XVIII; and Stanford Stadium, Super Bowl XIX ....Super Bowl XIX scored a first in television advertising history when ABC charged (and got) $1 million for a commercial minute.

ROOT STORY, CIRCA 1932

Playing indoors, circa 1932

Before anyone gets carried away with Superdome trivia and reminds everyone that the New Orleans facility is the first repeat-host domed stadium in Super Bowl history, let's not forget where the first indoor NFL "title game" was played...and it wasn't Super Bowl XII in New Orleans.

The year was 1932, and the game was the championship-deciding final game of the season, between the Chicago Bears (6-1-6) and the Portsmouth Spartans (6-1-4). Snow and extreme cold prohibited the original site, Wrigley Field, from being used, and the game was moved to Chicago Stadium.

With 11,198 looking on, the Bears broke a scoreless tie in the fourth quarter on a pass from Bronko Nagurski to Red Grange and went on to win 9-0.

NOTE: The game, played on dirt left over from a just-departed circus, included a milestone of sorts: Hashmarks were used to spot the ball a fair distance from the imposing wall that circled the playing area, a field only 80 yards long and considerably narrower than the regulation width.

SAY THAT AGAIN?

San Francisco 49ers running back **Roger Craig,** when asked what he was thinking when he scored his record third touchdown in Super Bowl XIX: "I was thinking I had just crossed the goal line."

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Craig scores for a record.

Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback **Roger Staubach,** taking partial blame for Dallas tight end Jackie Smith's near-catch in the end zone during Super Bowl XIII (Smith dropped an underthrown ball at his shoe tops): "He was so open, I could have punted it to him."

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The NFL's ultimate game has become an American institution in two decades, so it may seem awkward to deal in "exclusives," but here are some worth noting:

- Only two men have had the dual experience of playing on and being head coach of a Super Bowl team: Tom Flores (quarterback, Kansas City, IV; coach, Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders, XV and XVIII) and Forrest Gregg (tackle, Green Bay, I and II, and Dallas, VI; coach, Cincinnati, XVI).
- Only one man has played in Super Bowls with three different teams. Running back Preston Pearson was with Baltimore in Super Bowl III, Pittsburgh in IX, and Dallas in X, XII, and XIII.
- Only one man has played in Super Bowls in three different decades. Oakland Raiders guard Gene Upshaw made it to Games II (1968), XI (1977), and XV (1981).

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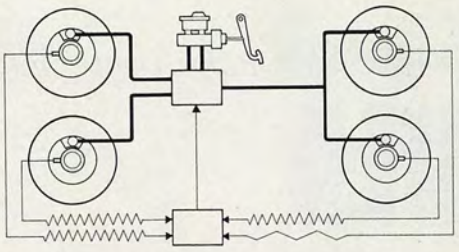

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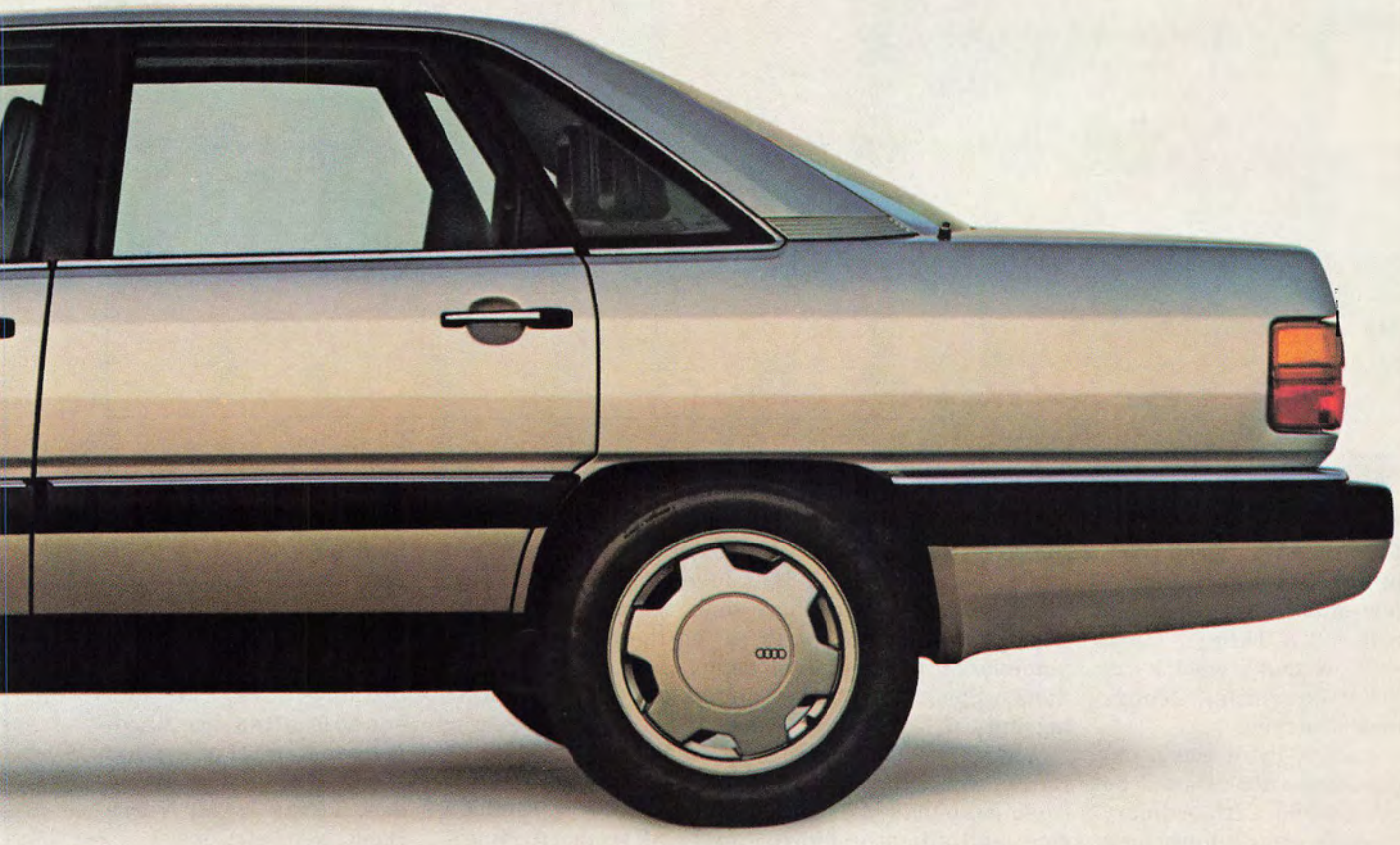

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The Louisiana Connection

From Van Buren to Bradshaw, Cajun Cookin' Has Served the NFL Well

by Peter Finney

After the 1944 Orange Bowl, Louisiana State coach Bernie Moore said goodby to Steve Van Buren. A few months later, he said hello to Y.A. Tittle.

"Now that's what I call great coaching," Moore once observed.

Admittedly, it was a circumstance that should be considered extraordinary anyway, since both men eventually were elected to that most elite of professional football fraternities, the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Yet, upon closer examination, it hardly qualifies as a potential future episode of Steven Spielberg's "Amazing Stories."

Why? Because this is the Bayou, where they specialize in more than just sugar, rice, and alligator hides. The operative word in this part of the country is poundage. That's poundage as in seafood, and more is produced in Louisiana than any state in America.

But there's another kind of poundage that the Cajun folks are justifiably proud of, the human kind wearing shoulder pads and cleats, and Louisiana, with a population of only 4.2 million, may rank second to none—on a per capita basis—in that department, too.

When you consider that Louisiana has 11 football-playing universities within its boundaries of only 48,523 square miles, competition for players is predictably fierce. The state schools often are hard-pressed to ward off regular "outsiders" such as Arkansas, Texas A&M, Notre Dame, Nebraska, et al.

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But for every homegrown Joe Ferguson (Arkansas/ Buffalo Bills, Detroit Lions), John David Crow (Texas A&M/ Chicago-St. Louis Cardinals, San Francisco), Steve Mott (Alabama/Detroit), and Karl Morgan (UCLA/ Tampa Bay) that gets away, a flock stays home ...and the Louisiana football tradition continues.

The talent hunt is especially intense in southern Louisiana, home of the lucrative seafood, sugar, and petro-chemical industries; the state capital in Baton Rouge, and the LSU Bayou Bengals, not necessarily in that order. If you want to check the football pulse of the state, you stop in Baton Rouge, about an hour's drive northwest of New Orleans.

LSU's southern neighbors include Southern University (also in Baton Rouge), Tulane (New Orleans), Southeastern Louisiana (Hammond), Nicholls State (Thibodaux), Southwestern Louisiana (Lafayette), and McNeese State (Lake Charles).

In the north, where timber and cotton abound, there's Northwestern State (Natchitoches), Northeast Louisiana (Monroe), and Louisiana Tech, which sits in the central town of Ruston. About five miles to the east is the Grambling "factory," where mass production of a quality product, football players suitable for the NFL, probably has the Japanese working overtime copying the formula.

"In Louisiana, you're fighting more than just LSU and Tulane in recruiting," Grambling coach Eddie Robinson says. "You have all those other four-year colleges fighting you, too."

At stake is an annual cornucopia of talent that has created an impressive legacy. Need proof? From LSU alone, try these names for starters: fullback Jim Taylor, from Baton Rouge, ran to daylight for Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers; halfback Billy Cannon, also from Baton Rouge, became a hometown hero when he won the Heisman Trophy in 1959 before being the number-one draft choice of both the NFL and upstart AFL's Houston Oilers; halfback Jerry Stovall finished second in the Heisman voting in 1962 before beginning an outstanding 10-year career as a safety with St. Louis; safety Tommy Casanova was a two-time All-America and AFC-NFC Pro Bowl performer for Cincinnati; quarterback Bert Jones, who guided the Baltimore Colts from 1973-1981; and Earl Leggett, an All-America tackle and the Chicago Bears' top draft choice in 1957.

At Grambling, Robinson has been working his magic for 43 years, and along the way has become the winningest coach in college football history (329-109-15). He has sent the pros such gems as Green Bay defensive end Willie Davis and Oakland Raiders cornerback Willie Brown, both Hall of Famers; running back Paul (Tank) Younger, an integral part of the Los Angeles Rams' Bull Elephant backfield of the 1950s; huge and talented defensive tackles Buck Buchanan, one of the leaders of Kansas City's two Super Bowl teams, and Ernie Ladd, a standout with San Diego; defensive back Roosevelt Taylor, a key member of the Chicago Bears' Monsters of the Midway defenses; fifth-year Dallas cornerback Everson Walls, a Pro Bowl choice for the fourth time this season; and a plethora of wide receivers, including Charlie Joiner, the all-time leading pass catcher in NFL history and still going strong for the Chargers at age 38, Frank Lewis, Clifton McNeil, Sammy White, and Trumaine Johnson.

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Tulane can boast of halfback Tommy Mason, the NFL's number-one draft choice in 1961; former Green Bay receiving star Max McGee, one of the heroes of the Packers' first Super Bowl triumph; running back Dub Jones, Bert's dad and a superb 10-year performer in the All-America Football Conference and the NFL; Richie Petitbon, an outstanding safety with Chicago, the Los Angeles Rams, and Washington; current Detroit placekicker Eddie Murray; and 10-year Denver safety Steve Foley, a former quarterback with Tulane, who finished as the school's total offense leader.

In Louisiana, when a young man's fancy turns to passing a football, the best advice would seem to be, "Go north, young man." The quality of quarterbacks produced in the northern part of the state is staggering. Former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw, a two-time Super Bowl most valuable player, and Joe Ferguson, who quarterbacked the Buffalo Bills from 1973-1984 before being traded to Detroit the past year, both came out of Shreveport's Woodlawn High School. Another Shreveport high school, Byrd, produced David Woodley, Miami's quarterback in Super Bowl XVII, who now is with Pittsburgh. Bert Jones came out of Ruston, 170 miles east of Shreveport.

Two of the three best quarterbacks ever to play for Grambling—Matthew Reed and James Harris—were from Monroe. The third Grambling standout, Doug Williams, was from Zachary, near Baton Rouge. Reed played in Canada, Harris had a successful NFL career with Buffalo, the Los Angeles Rams, and San Diego, while the strong-armed Williams led Tampa Bay into the 1979 NFC Championship Game.

Louisiana Tech head coach A. L. Williams, who coached Ferguson, Bradshaw, and another gifted quarterback, Billy Laird, at Woodlawn, then Bobby Hebert (now with the New Orleans Saints) at Northwestern State, believes most of the credit for northern Louisiana's assembly line of quarterbacks should go to Joe Aillet, Tech's coach from 1940-1966.

"Joe Aillet was a legend," Williams says. "He was wedded to the passing game as far back as 1960. I'm talking about going all out, what you call the prototype stuff, reading defenses, running 'hot' routes. Coach Aillet would bring in Bobby Layne for a clinic in the offseason and pick his brain.

"At the time, Tech was one of the few southern teams really throwing the football. Most of your college teams—I'm thinking mainly of LSU with Billy Cannon—were a lot more conservative. Tech produced Mickey Slaughter, who went on to play in the pros [Denver Broncos], and Billy Laird. The fans loved seeing the ball in the air. The kids in high schools in North Louisiana loved throwing the ball. I think Tech's success had a definite rub-off effect. It helped create the climate that produced guys like Terry and Joe and Bert."

It also helped produce some pretty fair athletes to catch the ball. From 1973-75, Louisiana Tech's receivers counted among them Pat Tilley, who had caught 417 passes for the NFL's St. Louis Cardinals prior to the 1985 season; Billy Ryckman, who played three seasons (1977-79) for Atlanta; and tight end Mike Barber, who caught 55 passes for the Rams two years ago and finished last season with Denver. The star of the 1973 Tech receiver corps was Roger Carr, who became Bert Jones's favorite target in Baltimore.

Northwestern State contributed to the receiver windfall, too, first with Charley Hennigan, whose 101 receptions for Houston in 1964 set an all-time professional record (until Washington's Art Monk caught 106 in 1984), then with Jackie Smith, who caught more career passes than any tight end in NFL history (480 with St. Louis and Dallas) until Cleveland's Ozzie Newsome passed him this season.

Due to the Aillet influence, A.L. Williams, in a 10-year period as an assistant and head coach, watched five of his Woodlawn quarterbacks combine for more than 15,000 yards and 176 touchdowns. Forgotten was the prevailing conservative philosophy, espoused by coaches such as Darrell Royal at Texas: When you throw a pass, three things can happen...and two of them are bad.

"Our philosophy was to keep throwing no matter what," Williams says. When Woodlawn reached the state finals in 1968, Ferguson, who had only 11 interceptions all season, threw four in the first quarter alone. He recovered to throw four touchdown passes, however, and Woodlawn won before a crowd of more than 30,000.

"They just loved seeing that ball in the air," Williams says.

In the fall of 1966, in another northern town—Mansfield, not far from Shreveport, the ball was in the air often. At DeSoto High School, a precocious southpaw with the unlikely name of Vida Blue, Jr., passed for 3,484 yards and 35 touchdowns in 14 games. He regularly threw the ball 50 and 60 yards. Recruiters from two dozen schools, including Notre Dame, Purdue, Grambling, and Houston, came calling. But they proved to be no match for that master salesman, Charles O. Finley, who signed Blue to a baseball contract with his Oakland A's. By 1971, Blue had a running start toward Cooperstown with a 24-8 record, 1.82 earned-run average, 301 strikeouts, and the Cy Young Award.

It was different down south at LSU. The Tigers, under Paul Dietzel, had won a national championship in 1958 with a conservative, run-first, pass-seldom offense, but with a backfield that illustrated what a gold mine of talent Louisiana always has been. Dietzel could have recruited three-fourths of his backfield that year by taxi. Halfbacks Billy Cannon and Johnny Robinson and quarterback Warren Rabb each grew up in Baton Rouge, within five miles of Tiger Stadium.

Cannon signed with the fledgling AFL's Houston Oilers under the goal posts following the 1960 Sugar Bowl—after first signing a contract with general manager Pete Rozelle of the Rams. A subsequent court fight awarded Cannon to the AFL. He led the league in rushing in 1961, was traded to Oakland in 1964, and finished his career with Kansas City in 1970.

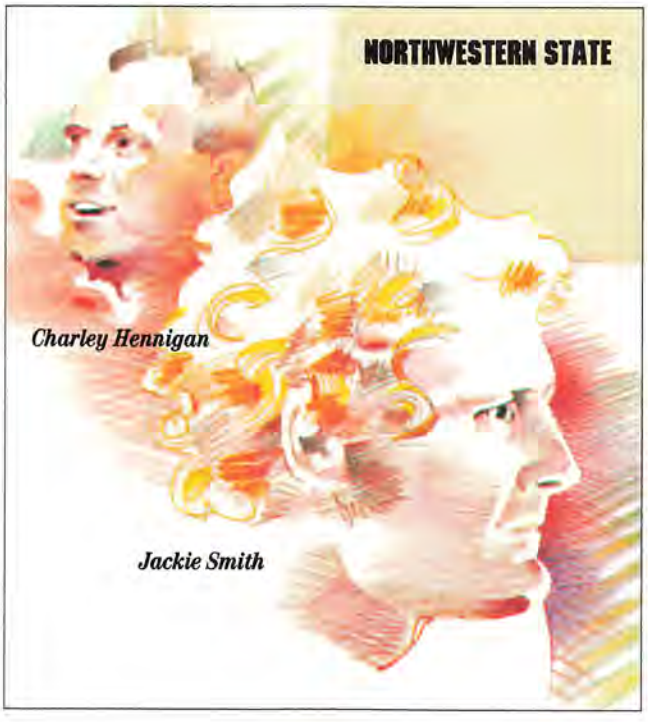
Robinson went on to become an all-pro safety with the Dallas Texans and Kansas City Chiefs, played in two Super Bowls, and was elected to the Chiefs' Hall of Fame, as was Grambling's Buchanan. Rabb played for the Lions and Bills, and J.W. (Red) Brodnax, the other member of that backfield, for the Broncos.

During his coaching days at LSU, Dietzel must have

felt as if he owned one of the nearby oil wells at times. When he left Red Blaik's staff at Army to become the Bayou Bengals' head coach in 1955, he inherited a young fullback named Jim Taylor.

"With the ball under his arm, Taylor was the finest football player I ever saw," Dietzel says. Vince Lombardi would make the same observation in Green Bay a decade later.

Taylor and Cannon played in the same backfield in 1957 on an LSU team that finished 5-5. If



John David Crow of Springhill, Louisiana, had gone to LSU (he had a last-second change of heart after a chat with Bear Bryant, who then was coaching at Texas A&M), the 1957 Tigers could have had Cannon and Crow at halfback and Taylor at fullback. "The problem," Dietzel says, "would have been having just one football. Satisfying Jimmy was tough enough."

Taylor, the heart of the Packers' offense, was a product of hard times. When he was 10, his father died, so young Jim set out to find a job. He found two—two paper routes that paid him a combined $3 a week. One had him up at 4:30 in the morning, the other had him working until 6:30 at night. School? He managed to sandwich it between the routes. Later, Taylor would claim he owed his leg drive and balance to his days as a newsboy.

"Football is a game of inches," Lombardi once observed, "and no one gave a greater second effort than Jimmy Taylor." That may explain why Taylor was the first player off the great Lombardi teams—and the third LSU product—to be elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Watching Taylor leave his cleat marks on NFL defenses, observers naturally wondered why such a talent hadn't carried the ball more in college. Earlier, when Steve Van Buren was doing the same thing for the Philadelphia Eagles, they wondered why Van Buren spent so much of his time at LSU as a blocking back.

"That's how smart I was," Bernie Moore said.

When Van Buren got to the NFL, Philadelphia coach

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Greasy Neale gave him the ball at every opportunity. "He made me a great coach," Neale says. "He was greater than [Red] Grange because Grange needed a blocker. This boy didn't. He could run away from tacklers like Grange or over them like [Bronko] Nagurski."

Of English-Spanish descent, Van Buren was born in the Central America country of Honduras. His parents died when he was 10, so Steve and his brother Ebert, who would also play at LSU and with the Eagles, moved to New Orleans to live with their grandmother. Steve didn't play football until he was 15. When he did, he became a 125-pound reject. He left school and built himself up to 168 pounds by working in an iron foundry. By the time he reached the Eagles, Van Buren was a sculptured 210-pounder who, according to teammate and future New York Giants head coach Allie Sherman, "was the Jim Brown of his time."

Like Van Buren and Taylor, Yelberton Abraham Tittle worked hard to develop his talent. He hung up a tire in his backyard and threw at it, hour after hour. He used his younger brother as a receiver. His older brother Jack had played for Tulane and tried, without success, to sell Tulane coaches on recruiting Y.A., who then was breaking records in Marshall, Texas, just across the Louisiana line from Shreveport.

Back in the days before there were such things as binding letters of intent for recruits to sign, Tittle was about to begin a career at the University of Texas, when Red Swanson, an LSU assistant, drove onto the Texas campus in Austin, entered the men's dorm, and told Y.A. to "start packing." Swanson made one more stop, in Houston, where he picked up a halfback named Jim Cason.

1. LSU, Southern U. *(Baton Rouge)*
2. Tulane *(New Orleans)*
3. Southeastern Louisiana *(Hammond)*
4. Nicholls State *(Thibodaux)*
5. Southwestern Louisiana *(Lafayette)*
6. McNeese State *(Lake Charles)*
7. Northwestern State *(Natchitoches)*
8. Northeast Louisiana *(Monroe)*
9. Louisiana Tech *(Ruston)*
10. Grambling *(Grambling)*

Tittle led the Tigers in passing four consecutive years, an uncommon occurrence in those days. In 1948, Tittle and Cason were among a quartet of Tiger backs who signed pro contracts: Tittle with Baltimore and Cason with San Francisco, both in the old All-America Football Conference; Dan Sandifer with Washington; and Ray Coates with the New York Giants.

In addition, 10 others off those LSU teams during Tittle's years matriculated to the pros. When Tittle and his group graduated, so did Bernie Moore—to a new job as commissioner of the Southeastern Conference.

In later years, Moore would say that the man who followed him as LSU coach, Gaynell Tinsley, "was the best player of them all, the best I ever saw." Tinsley was a 6-foot 3-inch, 225-pound all-purpose end who grew up on a farm in North Louisiana between the rival towns of Homer and Haynesville. He was the product of a tradition that has made high school football a one-sport religion in the state's small towns.

No one knows how many great players Louisiana might have spawned had black athletes been given a chance before Tank Younger opened the door in the 1950s. At last count, more than 200 former Grambling players had made it to the NFL, a direct tribute to the university's extraordinary coach, Eddie Robinson.

Willie Davis admits that he chose Grambling over 14 other black colleges—along with several white schools—because of Robinson.

"He made me want to play," Davis says. "None of my family had ever been to college. When a pro offer finally came in 1956, I said, 'My God, it can't be.' "

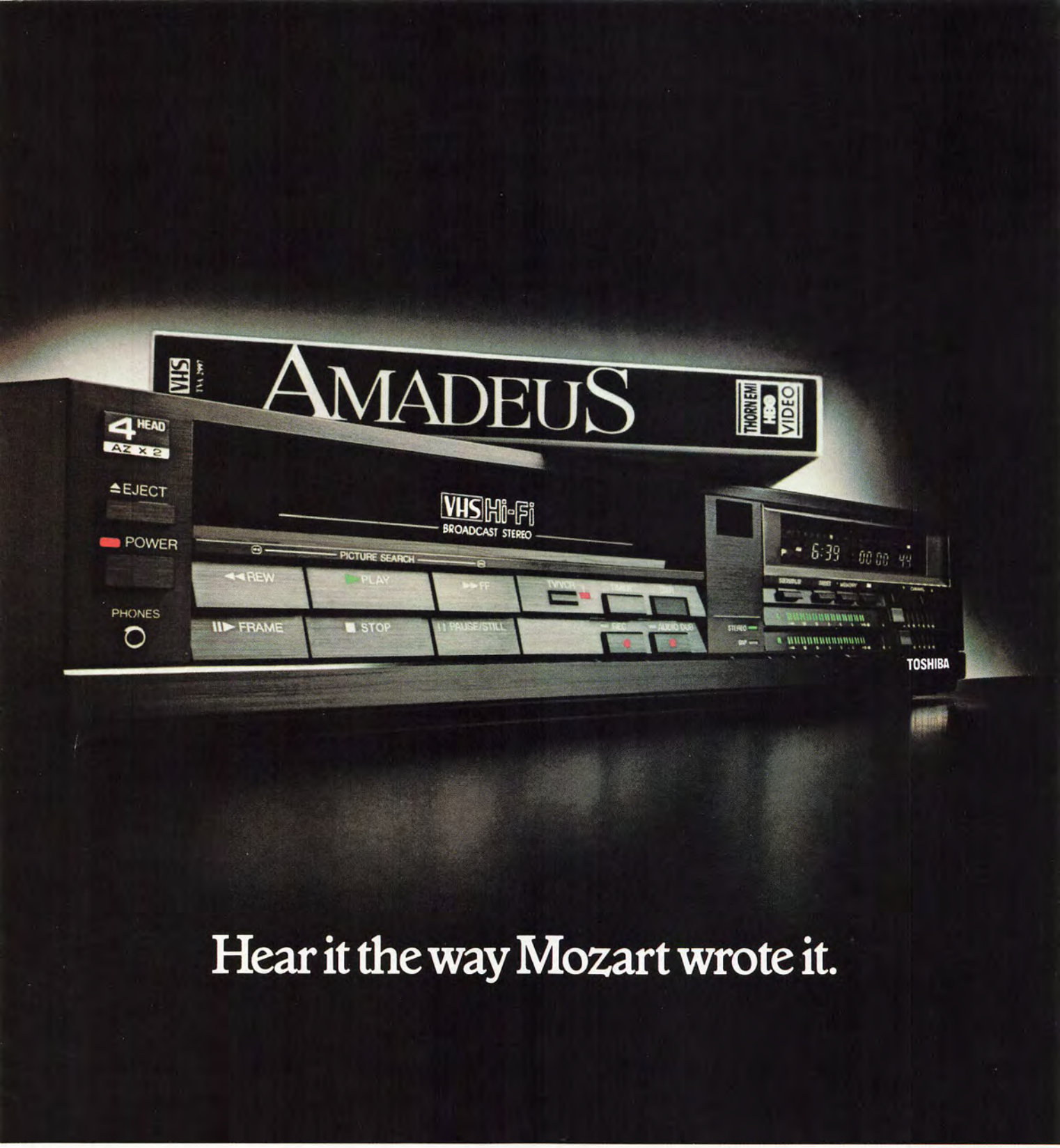
Davis went to Grambling as a blue-chip prospect. It was different for Younger. Robinson discovered Tank by accident, when he was coaching at Grambling High School in 1944. (Robinson began coaching at Grambling in 1941, then switched to the high school from 1943-44 when World War II wiped out football at the college. He returned in 1945, and has been there ever since.)

Despite the way Younger tore apart defenses in college, it took an eloquent selling job by Robinson to convince the Rams they should give Younger a chance. It was a decision they would not regret.

During his first 20 years at Grambling, Robinson virtually had his pick of the best black football players. This changed in the early 1970s when, in particular, Southern schools discovered civil rights.

No doubt Robinson thinks about the ones who might otherwise have wound up at Grambling but who went elsewhere in the state after integration came—players such as Joe Profit (Northeast), Fred Dean (Tech), Leonard Smith and Stephen Starring (McNeese), and Mark Duper and the late Joe Delaney (Northwestern State).

"Louisiana will always be a great football state," Robinson says. "Tradition, interest, climate—you can't beat that combination. Success breeds success. Now that the racial barriers are down, the sky's the limit."



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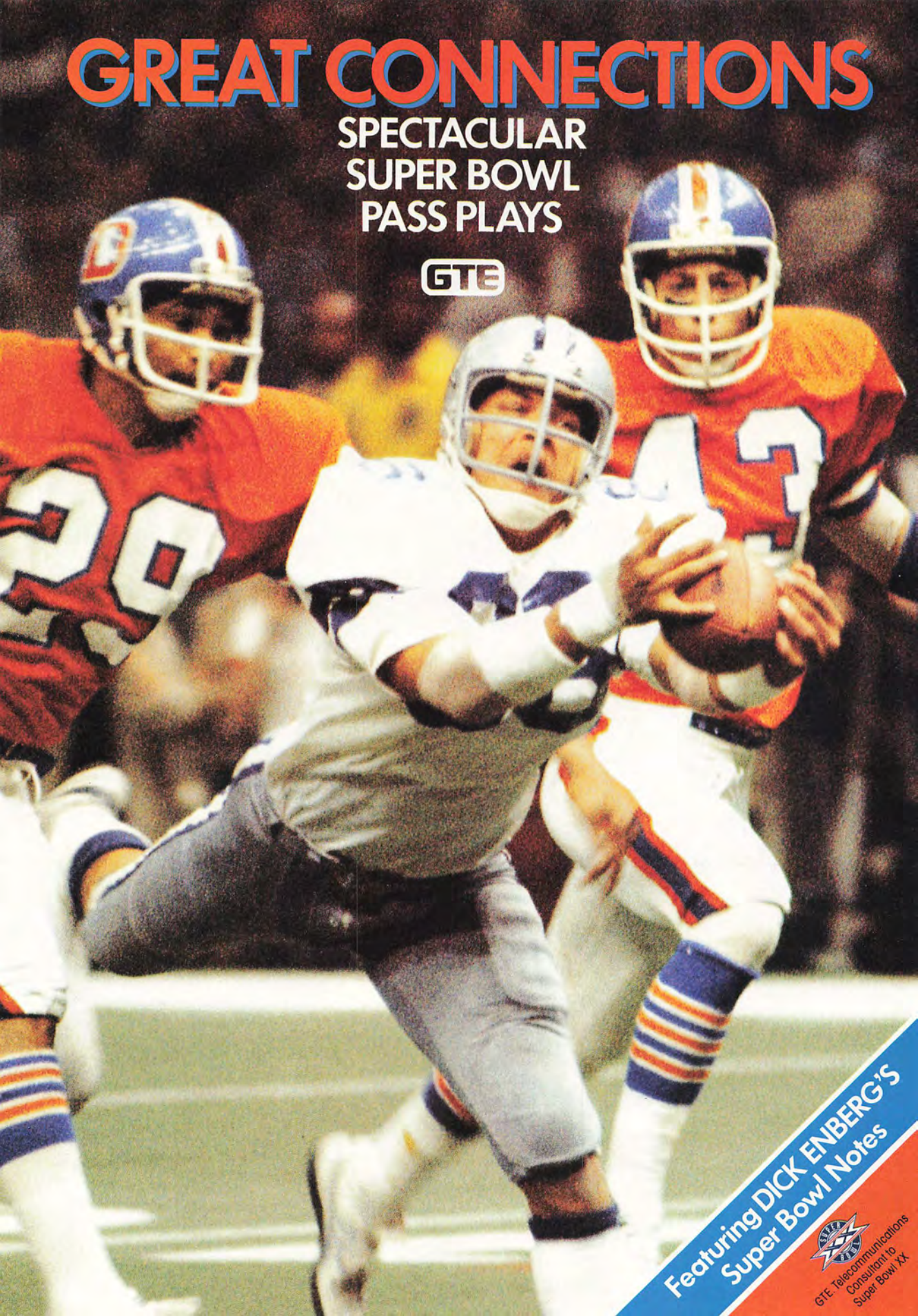

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SUPER PASSES, SUPER CATCHES, OH, MY!

by Dick Enberg

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Some Super Bowls are unforgettable. The first Super Bowl, called the AFL-NFL World Championship Game at the time, is memorable just because it was the first title matchup between the two leagues. The whole country greeted it with great anticipation.

Then there is Super Bowl III, to my mind the single most important Super Bowl game. It gave the AFL credibility and smoothed the way for the coming merger.

From a personal standpoint, I'll always remember Super Bowl XIII, my first assignment for NBC. My role was host; my broadcast position high atop the Orange Bowl press box. An early morning downpour left me ankle-deep in water braving 35 mile-per-hour winds. Just before air time, I loosened my grip on some comments I had written. The pages were last seen flying over Key Biscayne.

Since then, I've done play-by-play for Super Bowls XV and XVII. Super Bowl XX will be my third game in the booth.

As I look back over all 19 Super Bowls, the ones I've covered and the ones I've watched at home, certain plays, like certain games, stand out. Particularly the spectacular pass plays. Here are 10 of those "great connections" that I consider to be among the best, most exciting plays, not only in their respective Super Bowl games, but in NFL history. GTE

BEST CATCHES BY A BACKUP

Bart Starr to Max McGee: Packers 35, Chiefs 10

Green Bay wide receiver Max McGee had hinted that Super Bowl I would be his last game. After all, at 34 he was a backup, and had caught only four passes during the 14-game regular season. But he was ready when opportunity knocked.

Enberg's Notes

"As I watched from the Los Angeles Coliseum press box, I had no idea that McGee's catch would be the start of something so 'super.'"

Starting wide receiver Boyd Dowler re-injured a shoulder on the game's third play. Minutes later, on third-and-three from the Chiefs' 37, Bart Starr sent McGee on a slant-in pattern from left end. McGee's outside fake threw Kansas City cornerback Willie Mitchell off balance. Starr's pass was thrown low and behind McGee at the Chiefs' 19. McGee had to reach back to snag the ball with one hand. Mitchell, scrambling to reach McGee, dived to break up the pass. He missed. McGee pulled the ball in against his hip and ran the rest of the way to score the first touchdown in Super Bowl history.

"When the ball stuck [in my hand] I almost fainted," said McGee of his circus catch. "I expected to open my left hand and find a silver dollar."

McGee caught seven passes for 137 yards. Four of them, including his second touchdown catch, came on a 56-yard drive in the third quarter. The scoring play was even more sensational than McGee's first, magnified by his seeming nonchalance under pressure. From the Kansas City 13, on first-and-10, Starr again threw to McGee running a slant pattern from the left into the end zone. McGee went for the ball hands high, bobbled it up into the air, then ran under it, almost casually, and made the catch. GTE

Tony Tomsic

Max McGee bobbles the ball, then scores his second touchdown.

BEST TIPPED-PASS PLAY

Johnny Unitas to John Mackey: Colts 16, Cowboys 13

V

Depending on your vantage point and team loyalty, Baltimore tight end John Mackey's 75-yard touchdown on a deflected pass in Super Bowl V was extraordinary, controversial, illegal, or all of the above.

With less than a minute gone in the second quarter, Baltimore quarterback Johnny Unitas threw a pass from his own 25 to wide receiver Eddie Hinton 20 yards downfield. The pass was high. Hinton tipped it and the ball went off or through the hands of a Dallas player and into the hands of Mackey, who ran 45 yards to tie the game 6-6. Officials ruled a defensive player had touched the ball between Hinton and Mackey, thus making the pass complete. (The rules then made a pass incomplete that was touched by two offensive players consecutively.)

Dick Raphael

John Mackey steals away.

After the game, which was won on a last-second field goal by the Colts, the Cowboys rapped the record 75-yard play.

Safety Charlie Waters: "We were in a zone and I was just going deep. I saw the quarterback look at Hinton and then I saw the ball come over [Mel] Renfro's head. Renfro didn't get a hand on it. I know I didn't. I just was able to touch Mackey's arm."

Enberg's Notes

"If anyone was going to score on a Super Bowl 'carom' play it would be big John Mackey. He always seemed to be in the right spot."

Said cornerback Renfro: "Somebody touched it. That's all I can say. I don't think I ever touched it."

Linebacker Lee Roy Jordan: "There were a lot of close plays, but the deflected pass to Mackey for the touchdown was ridiculous. I really hate to see those kind of plays beat anybody."

Dallas head coach Tom Landry took the coach's alternative to pleading the fifth amendment. "I don't know," he said. "We'll have to look at the films." GTE

MOST CLUTCH CATCHES

Ken Stabler to Fred Biletnikoff: Raiders 32, Vikings 14

XI

Raiders wide receiver Fred Biletnikoff won Super Bowl XI most valuable player honors not so much for the number of receptions he made, four, or the yardage he gained, 79, but for *when* he made his catches and what they meant in the Oakland victory.

Enberg's Notes

"It was vintage Biletnikoff on the critical downs—coming back to meet the ball, using the sideline as his personal fortress."

Throughout his career, Biletnikoff had been the essence of the clutch receiver, and Game XI did nothing to tarnish that image. Three of his four catches went for first downs; each of those three also set up touchdowns.

His first catch, a routine nine-yarder, was in the first quarter.

His second catch came in the second quarter. The Raiders, leading 3-0, were on the Vikings' 6-yard line in a third-and-three situation. Biletnikoff ran a pattern into the right side of the end zone. Quarterback Ken Stabler had to throw high and hard to get it to him. Biletnikoff made a comeback move out of the end zone, grabbed the ball in front of Vikings cornerback Nate Wright, and barely came down with his feet inbounds at the 1. The Raiders scored on the next play.

Tony Tomsic

Fred Biletnikoff comes back to haunt the Vikings.

Biletnikoff's third catch came on the Raiders' next series. On a first down at the Minnesota 18, Stabler rifled a hard, low pass. Biletnikoff slid on his knees to make the catch with Wright on his back, again at the 1. Once more the Raiders scored a touchdown on the following play.

Biletnikoff's fourth—and longest—catch came in the fourth quarter. From midfield, Stabler took the snap on third-and-six and hit Biletnikoff, who took it cutting into the middle at the 35 and was finally brought down by Bobby Bryant at the 2. Once again, the Raiders scored on the next play. GTE

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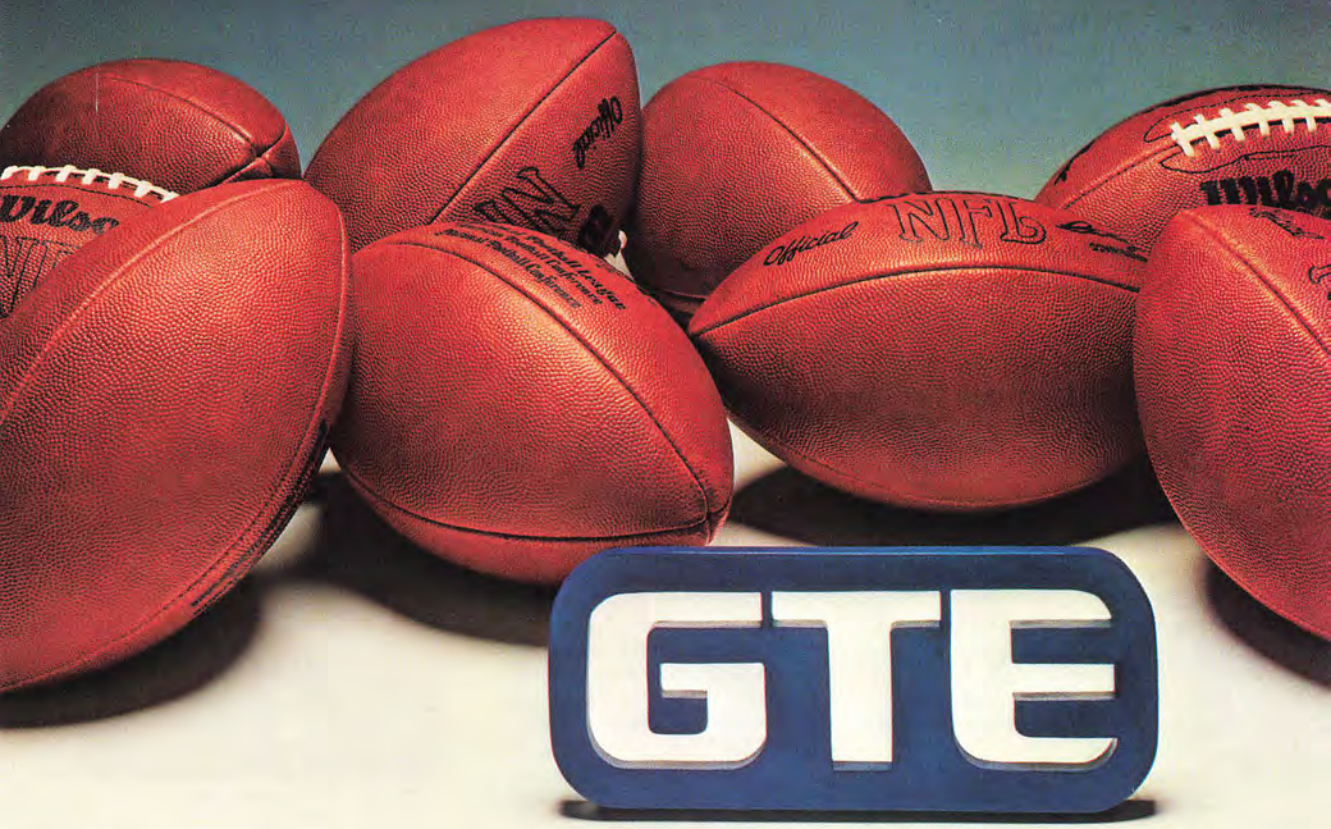


MOST ACROBATIC CATCH

Terry Bradshaw to Lynn Swann: Steelers 21, Cowboys 17

Dallas Cowboys cornerback Mark Washington glumly summed it up after Super Bowl X: "It's the biggest game of the year, man, and he comes up with those kind of receptions. I just didn't expect that, especially against me."

The "he" to whom Washington was referring was Pittsburgh wide receiver Lynn Swann, who earned the game's most valuable player award for his four dazzling catches for a Super Bowl-record 161 yards and one touchdown.

The touchdown catch was a gem. After Pittsburgh scored eight unanswered points (two field goals and a safety) in the fourth quarter to lead 15-10, Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw not only called the right play at the right time, but executed it the right way.

Enberg's Notes

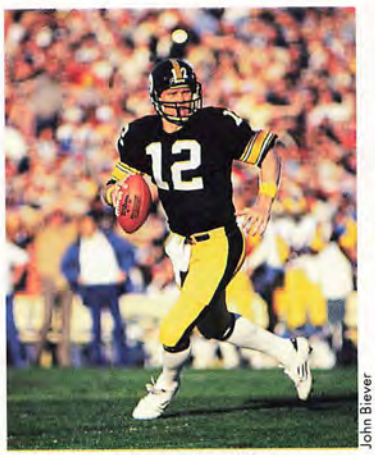
"For an announcer, the Steelers' receiving duo of Lynn Swann and John Stallworth exhausted all the superlatives: acrobatic, graceful, effortless, sensational, super! Oh, my! And Terry Bradshaw, their quarterback, had the ability to make connections on the long bomb that made him stand out from all the other great passers in Super Bowl play."

On third and four from his own 36, Bradshaw caught Dallas in an all-out blitz. An instant before taking a ferocious hit that would knock him out of the game with a concussion, he lofted the ball 59 yards downfield to Swann, who gathered it in at the 5 and pulled away from Washington for Pittsburgh's fourth score in an eight-minute span. It proved to be the game winner.

Earlier, Swann's greatest catch of the day turned out to be meaningless for anything but highlight films. Late in the second quarter, Bradshaw threw far downfield from his own goal line. Washington had single coverage on Swann and was matching him stride-for-stride. As they crossed the Dallas 40-yard line they simultaneously went up for the ball. It bounced off their fingertips. Washington fell down and landed on his back, while Swann, twisting in the air into a nearly prone position, made the seemingly impossible catch at the 37. Seven plays later, seconds before the half ended, Roy Gerela missed a field goal that would have tied the game 10-10.

Heinz Kluetmeier *Sports Illustrated*

Lynn Swann defies gravity and Dallas cornerback Mark Washington.



John Biever

Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw.

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LONGEST TD, SHORTEST PASS

Terry Bradshaw to John Stallworth: Steelers 35, Cowboys 31

XIII

In what many consider the best of all Super Bowls (it also was the first Super Bowl rematch), wide receiver John Stallworth became the catalyst of the explosive Pittsburgh passing attack, which usually featured Terry Bradshaw-to-Lynn Swann.

Bradshaw was red-hot, throwing for 318 yards and four touchdowns. Swann was amazing, as usual, with seven catches for 124 yards and one scoring catch. But it was Stallworth whose star burned brightest that day. His three catches translated into 115 yards and two Steelers touchdowns—all in the first half. He developed leg cramps and saw little action in the second half.

Tony Tomsic

John Stallworth's long haul.

Stallworth's first touchdown came on a 28-yard pass from Bradshaw on Pittsburgh's first possession of the game following the recovery of a Dallas fumble.

The Cowboys took the lead early in the second quarter when Bradshaw was sacked by Dallas linebacker Thomas (Hollywood) Henderson. Mike Hegman stripped the ball from Bradshaw's grasp, then ran 37 yards for a touchdown.

Bradshaw and the Steelers came back on Pittsburgh's next series. After two runs by Franco Harris netted five yards, Bradshaw faced a third-and-five situation from the Steelers' 25. He hit Stallworth on a 10-yard out pattern along the right sideline at the 35. Stallworth spun, shaking off the tackle of cornerback Aaron Kyle, then cut back diagonally behind two blocks. He ran through another tackle and outraced his pursuers into the end zone. Stallworth's 75-yard touchdown catch, which tied John Mackey's Super Bowl record, evened the score at 14-14. The game remained a seesaw battle that Pittsburgh ultimately won. GTE

LONGEST BOMB

Terry Bradshaw to John Stallworth: Steelers 31, Rams 19

XIV

Going into the fourth quarter of Game XIV, it looked as if the Steelers' Super Bowl dominance was about to end. The surprising Los Angeles Rams were leading 19-17. They had shut off the Steelers' potent ground game and an injury had forced Lynn Swann out of the game in the third quarter, leaving John Stallworth with double coverage. But that didn't stop Pittsburgh quarterback Terry Bradshaw from resorting to the bomb, a weapon that had won three previous Super Bowls and already had accounted for one touchdown in this game, a 47-yard balletic reception by Swann shortly before he was injured.

Bradshaw went back to pass on third-and-eight from his own 27. Though the play he had called had failed to click in practice all week, it worked this time. Stallworth was covered inside by cornerback Rod Perry and outside by safety Dave Elmendorf at the Rams' 33. The ball dropped in perfectly over Stallworth's shoulder, beyond Perry's futile swipe. Stallworth ran untouched for a 73-yard touchdown that put the Steelers ahead to stay.

Late in the quarter, Bradshaw and Stallworth hooked up on another bomb, this time for 45 yards to the Los Angeles 22. Five plays later, Franco Harris cracked over from the 1 for the final points of the game.

Stallworth and Swann, so prominent in the Steelers' four Super Bowl victories, finished the game as the most productive pair of receivers in Super Bowl history. They currently hold records in seven of the nine Super Bowl pass-receiving categories. Stallworth leads in highest average gain, career (24.4); highest average gain, game (40.33 in XIV); and most touchdowns, game (2 in XIII—six-way tie.) Swann leads in most receptions, career (16); most yards gained, career (364); and most yards gained, game (161 in X). They hold the record jointly for most touchdowns receiving, career (3). GTE

Walter Iooss, Jr. *Sports Illustrated*

Bradshaw and Stallworth complete a bombing run.

BEST FINGERTIP CATCH

Roger Staubach to Butch Johnson: Cowboys 27, Broncos 10

XII

The breaks weren't all in Dallas's favor in Super Bowl XII. Quarterback Roger Staubach played much of the game with a broken finger and wide receiver Butch Johnson played with a broken thumb. Still, they combined on one of the Super Bowl's most stunning touchdown plays.

Dallas was leading 13-3 late in the third quarter of the turnover-filled game. On third-and-10 from the Denver 45, Staubach went for it all. It looked as if he had led Johnson, streaking past safety Bernard Jackson down the left line of hashmarks, by a little too much. But Johnson, in full stride and in full stretch, made a sensational diving catch. His momentum carried him into the end zone, where he rolled and tumbled and lost the ball an instant after impact.

The Broncos immediately protested that the pass should have been ruled incomplete, but officials said Johnson had control of the ball going into the end zone.

Allen's Studio

Butch Johnson in the stretch.

"The referee called TD right away," Johnson said after Dallas's 27-10 victory. "I felt I had broken the plane of the goal."

"Johnson made a great catch when we needed it," said Staubach.

Enberg's Notes

"Watching Butch Johnson's catch, I remembered that he was recruited in college as a pole vaulter. In the Super Bowl, he could have lettered in three-meter diving."

"We felt we could beat Jackson deep," Johnson added. Not only did the Cowboys feel they could beat Jackson, they wanted to. Earlier in the week, Jackson had made some less-than-complimentary remarks about the Dallas receiving corps.

"Jackson can go study those films now," said Cowboys wide receiver Drew Pearson, "and find out what kind of receivers we have."

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LONGEST PASS PLAY

Jim Plunkett to Kenny King: Raiders 27, Eagles 10

XV

Improvisation doomed the Eagles early in Super Bowl XV. It happened at the end of the first quarter, when the Raiders were leading 7-0. Oakland had a third-and-four situation at its own 20. Raiders quarterback Jim Plunkett took the snap and dropped back. Narrowly escaping the heavy Philadelphia rush, he scrambled out of the pocket. Plunkett spotted running back Kenny King improvising on his pass pattern at the 39, and threw to him on the run. Eagles cornerback Herman Edwards tried to break up the pass, but missed. King didn't. He caught the ball and ran down the left sideline, escorted by wide receiver Bob Chandler, for a Super Bowl-record 80-yard touchdown.

"The linebacker dropped me when he saw Plunkett scrambling," King said. "I thought Edwards might deflect it."

"It was a broken play," Edwards said. "I saw King behind me, but I couldn't get to him."

"We didn't get the pressure we needed on Plunkett," said Eagles linebacker John Bunting. "I think in that situation, when we had him practically trapped, that we should've had him. If we had gotten him, the ball never would've reached King."

Richard Mackson

Oakland's Kenny King turns a short pass into a king-size record.

Enberg's Notes

"How appropriate that the longest touchdown came on Jim Plunkett's short pass! Plunkett had scrambled out of the NFL's 'forgotten ward,' proving his enormous will. King's romp was the capper to Plunkett's incredible comeback season."

Plunkett, the game's most valuable player, agreed. "The whole key was our offensive line," he said. "If I had time to set up and throw, I knew we would win. And my blockers did a super job. I was able to pick up second and third receivers all day long. Kenny King broke his pattern and I still had time to find him."

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BEST CATCH TO GET TO A SUPER BOWL

Joe Montana to Dwight Clark: 49ers 28, Cowboys 27

The play known as "The Catch" occurred late in the fourth quarter of the 1981 NFC Championship Game.

Enberg's Notes

"There's not even a catch in second place. It was a catch that little kids dream about. A clutch player delivering the spectacular under the ultimate pressure. Add it up and I've never seen a bigger play."

The Cowboys were leading 27-21 with 4:54 remaining when San Francisco got the ball at its own 11 after a punt. Twelve plays and 3:56 later, Joe Montana had a third-and-three situation at the Dallas 6.

Montana took the snap and rolled out to the right, chased by defensive tackle Larry Bethea. Nearing the sideline, he looked downfield and saw that Freddie Solomon, his primary target, was well-covered near the goal line. Almost at the sideline, with Bethea closing fast and Ed (Too Tall) Jones in his face, Montana took a chance. He lofted a rising pass into the end zone in the direction of Dwight Clark, who was running a deep left-right hairpin pattern along the end line. Clark got under the pass and made an electrifying leaping catch for the game-tying points. Ray Wersching's extra point was the margin of victory.

Walter Iooss, Jr. *Sports Illustrated*

Dwight Clark leaps to a victorious conclusion.

"I couldn't see Dwight open," Montana said. "I knew he had to be at the back of the end zone. I let the ball go. I got hit and wound up on my back. I rolled over. I saw Dwight's feet hit the ground. I heard the crowd screaming." GTE

BEST OVER-THE-SHOULDER CATCH

Ken Anderson to Cris Collinsworth: 49ers 26, Bengals 21

From opening kickoff to final gun, Super Bowl XVI featured a duel between San Francisco rookie cornerback Eric Wright and Cincinnati rookie wide receiver Cris Collinsworth.

Enberg's Notes

"Cris Collinsworth gets my Super Bowl 'Willie Mays award.' I wonder if Mays could have caught Vic Wertz's deep fly in the World Series with a defender hanging on his back?"

On the Bengals' second drive of the game, Wright broke up a long pass intended for Collinsworth at the 49ers' 15.

On the first drive of the second quarter, Collinsworth caught a 19-yard pass at the San Francisco 8, only to have the ball stripped by Wright. The fumble was recovered by another 49ers rookie, cornerback Lynn Thomas.

Then, early in the third quarter, it was Collinsworth's turn for the big play.

Down 20-7 and confronted by a third-and-23 situation at his own 37, quarterback Ken Anderson went back to Collinsworth on a long sideline fly pattern. Wright had Collinsworth blanketed, but Collinsworth kept his attention riveted on the ball. The pass could not have been thrown any better. With Wright climbing his back, and partially obscuring his vision, the young receiver made a running, over-the-shoulder catch at the 49ers' 14, for a 49-yard play. The penalty on Wright for his blatant pass interference was, of course, declined.

Mickey Pfleger

Cris Collinsworth outduels the 49ers' Eric Wright.

Collinsworth's reception led to the turning point of the game, later in the drive. Unfortunately for Collinsworth and the Bengals, it was not a Cincinnati touchdown, but a remarkable San Francisco goal-line stand, which effectively defused the Bengals' second-half comeback. GTE

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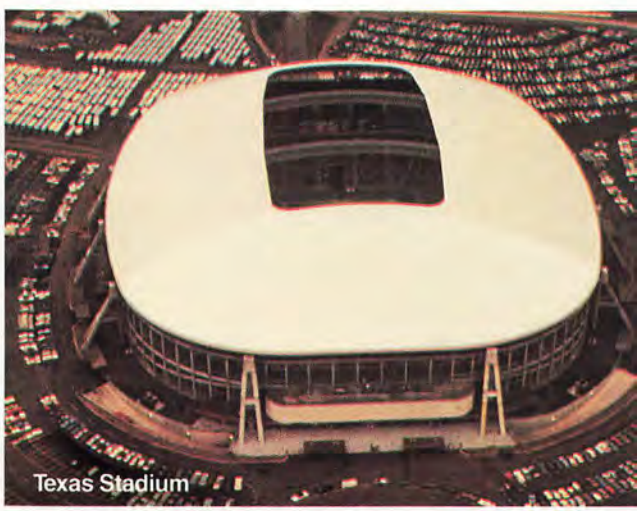
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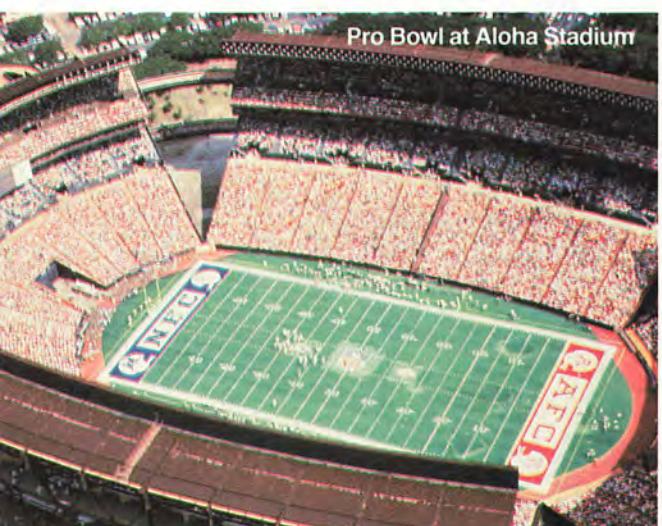
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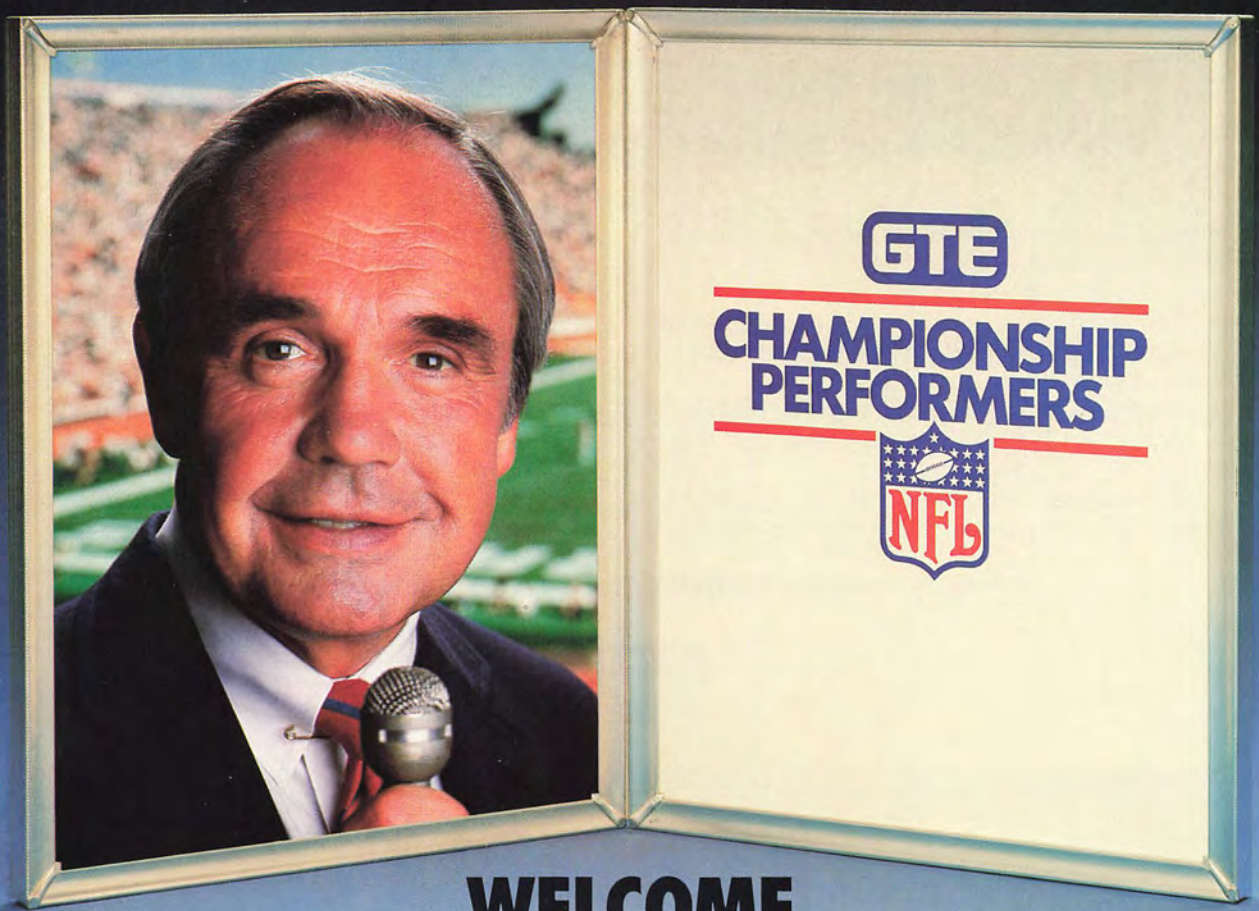

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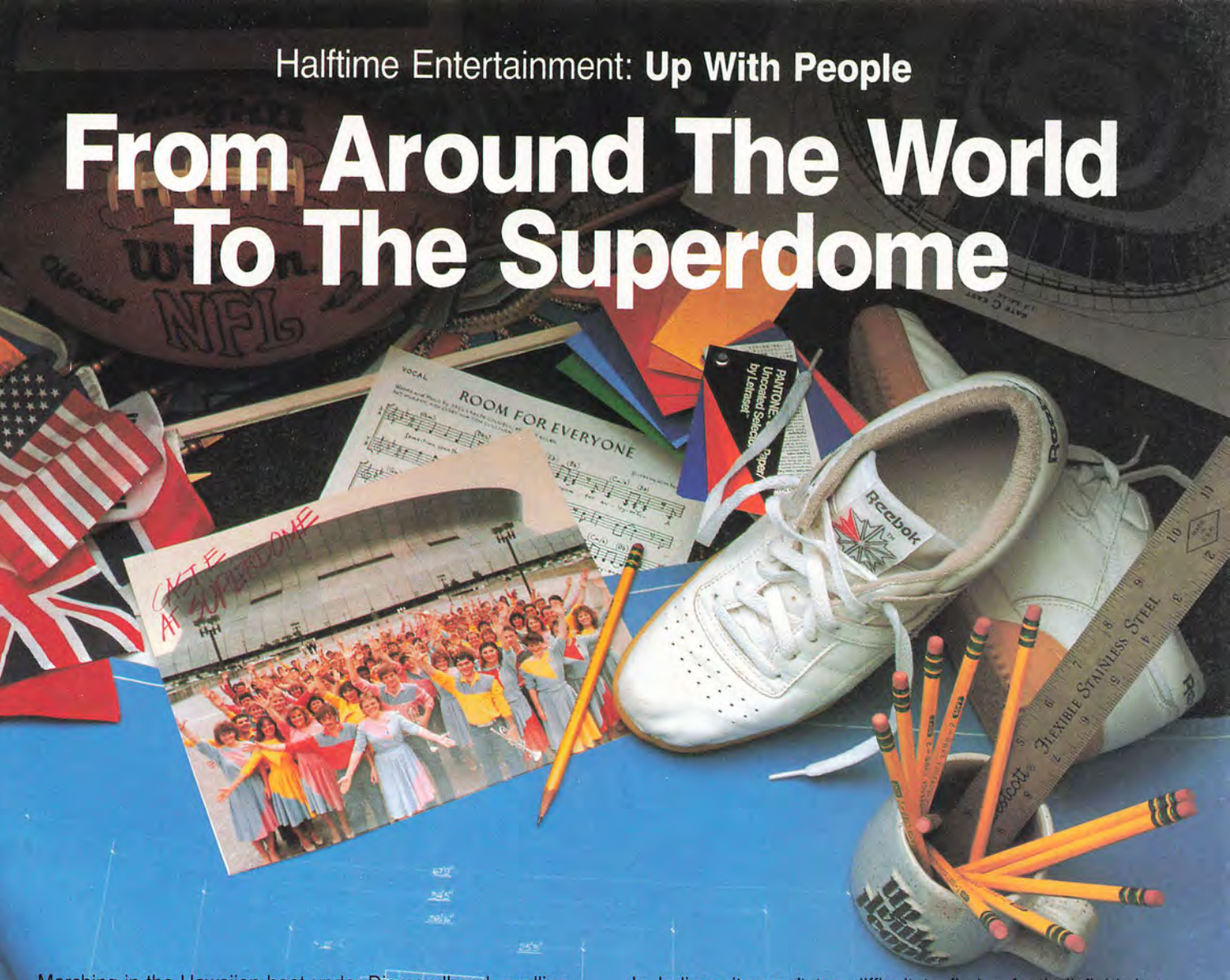

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PATRIOTS

Can anyone possibly beat the Patriots?

That might sound like an unusual question about a team that lost five times during the regular season, that entered the playoffs as the *second* wild-card team, and that goes into today's game as the underdog. But it's not. The Patriots are hot!

New England has won six of its last seven games, losing only to Miami in week 15, a loss the Patriots avenged 31-14 in the AFC Championship Game. The last three victories were do-or-die—on the road in the playoffs.

The Patriots have won in the postseason with conservative field-position football, hard hitting, and the ability to take advantage of their opponents' mistakes. There is no reason to expect them to change their tactics against the Bears.

Offensively, head coach Raymond Berry likes to run the football. And the Patriots have been very successful doing that so far.

The key to the Patriots' passing attack is quarterback Tony Eason. After a shaky start at the beginning of the year, Eason was replaced by Steve Grogan. When Eason again took over after Grogan was injured, the coaches changed their play-calling to resemble that of the successful Grogan, who had been allowed to call his own plays. The change also served to protect Eason from being placed in situations difficult for a young quarterback.

The results were amazing: In the playoffs, Eason completed almost 70 percent of his passes, throwing for five touchdowns with no interceptions.

Against the Bears, the Patriots' main concern will be getting maximum protection for their young quarterback from Chicago's withering rush. Sufficient time would mean the Patriots could throw long to Stanley Morgan or Stephen Starring, attacking what might be the Bears' only vulnerable spot.

Despite the Bears' ranking as the top rushing team in the NFL, Rod Rust's defense won't be overwhelmed by Chicago. Like the offense, the Patriots' defense is conservative and shouldn't show anything new, sticking with the strategies that earned it a number-three rating in the AFC in rushing defense, passing defense, and total defense. In the playoffs, the Patriots' defense has been even better, recovering nine fumbles, intercepting six passes, and setting up 61 of the team's 84 points with turnovers.

The defense is led by linebacker Andre Tippett, who was named the AFC defensive player of the year after leading the conference with 16½ sacks. Tippett is joined on the AFC Pro Bowl roster by two fellow defenders, inside linebacker Steve Nelson, the defensive captain and signal caller, and cornerback Raymond Clayborn.

The emotional leader of the Patriots is defensive end Julius Adams, who has announced his retirement after 14 years in the NFL. It will be up to Adams and some of the other veterans to keep this relatively young team from getting complacent now that it has gone further than expected.

The heart of the Patriots' hit squad is linebacker Andre Tippett, a karate expert, who led the AFC in sacks with 16.5.

Sept. 8 The offense amassed 410 yards, the defense had seven sacks. New England 26, Green Bay 20.

Sept. 15 Eason suffered six sacks for 55 lost yards, and threw three interceptions. Chicago 20, New England 7.

Sept. 22 Fryar's 85-yard touchdown on a punt return proved to be the game-winner. New England 17, Buffalo 14.

Sept. 29 Patriots led 20-14 at half, but Raiders' defense accounted for three touchdowns. L.A. Raiders 35, New England 20.

Oct. 6 A late goal-line stand and tough defense shut down the Patriots. Cleveland 24, New England 20.

Oct. 13 Grogan came off the bench for the injured Eason, and nailed down the victory. New England 14, Buffalo 3.

Oct. 20 In his first start since September, 1984, Grogan ran a bootleg for the winning score. New England 20, N.Y. Jets 13.

Oct. 27 James ran for two touchdowns and passed for one in a come-from-behind victory. New England 32, Tampa Bay 14.

Nov. 3 The Patriots rallied from 10 points down in the fourth quarter with a flea-flicker. New England 17, Miami 13.

Nov. 10 Five Colts turnovers and two Fryar touchdowns made the difference. New England 34, Indianapolis 15.

Nov. 17 Marion's long interception return set up Patriots' sixth consecutive win. New England 20, Seattle 13.

Nov. 24 Patriots lost Grogan to a knee injury, and a big-play game in overtime. N.Y. Jets 16, New England 13.

Dec. 1 Eason completed 20 of 28 passes for 293 yards and three touchdowns. New England 38, Indianapolis 31.

Dec. 8 James gained 115 for 1,000-yard season; Franklin had field goals of 50, 28, 22 yards. New England 23, Detroit 6.

Dec. 16 Last-minute interception ended bid, Patriots lost eighteenth in a row in Miami. Miami 30, New England 27.

Dec. 22 James ran for career-high 142 yards; the Patriots gambled late on fourth down and got touchdown. New England 34, Cincinnati 23.

Dec. 28 The Patriots got stronger as the game wore on; four Jets turnovers helped. New England 26, N.Y. Jets 14.

Jan. 5 The Patriots capitalized on Raiders mistakes; James rushed for 104 yards. New England 27, L.A. Raiders 20.

Jan. 12 Eason threw scoring passes of 4, 1, and 2 yards and James ran for 105 yards as the Patriots dominated. New England 31, Miami 14.

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BEARS

The Chicago Bears are not a football team you'd want to meet in a dark alley, never mind on a football field. The coach is a tough guy. So is the quarterback. The offensive line will match its muscle against anyone. And the defense...well, they are called Monsters of the Midway II, but this is a collection of people who don't have to take a second Roman numeral to anyone.

Add to that a living legend at running back and the legacy of an owner whose name heads the list of pro football immortals.

Then throw in a major appliance known as The Refrigerator and the victory-starved allegiance of a city awash in Bearmania.

If all of that isn't an irresistible force, then nothing is. The Bears are a team that seemed to set a course with destiny before the season began (vowing publicly to make amends for a 23-0 embarrassment to eventual Super Bowl XIX champion San Francisco in the 1984 NFC title game), a team that captured the national fancy with both its machismo and a collection of people for whom the word "colorful" seems to have been invented.

Can the Bears be overcome? We know that on Any Given Sunday—even Any Given Super Sunday—anyone in the National Football League can win or lose ...and this could be one of those Sundays, of course.

Walter Payton lives up to all the superlatives. The NFL's all-time leading rusher ran for 1,551 yards, scored 11 TDs.

The numbers would seem to be overwhelming: Chicago has won 17 of 18 games this year (losing only a Monday night shootout in Miami December 2), averaging 27.8 points per game and surrendering just 11.0. The Bears have shut out two playoff opponents, increasing their season total of blanks to four. In nine other games, Bears foes scored 10 points or fewer. Defensively, Chicago is first in the NFL in most important categories.

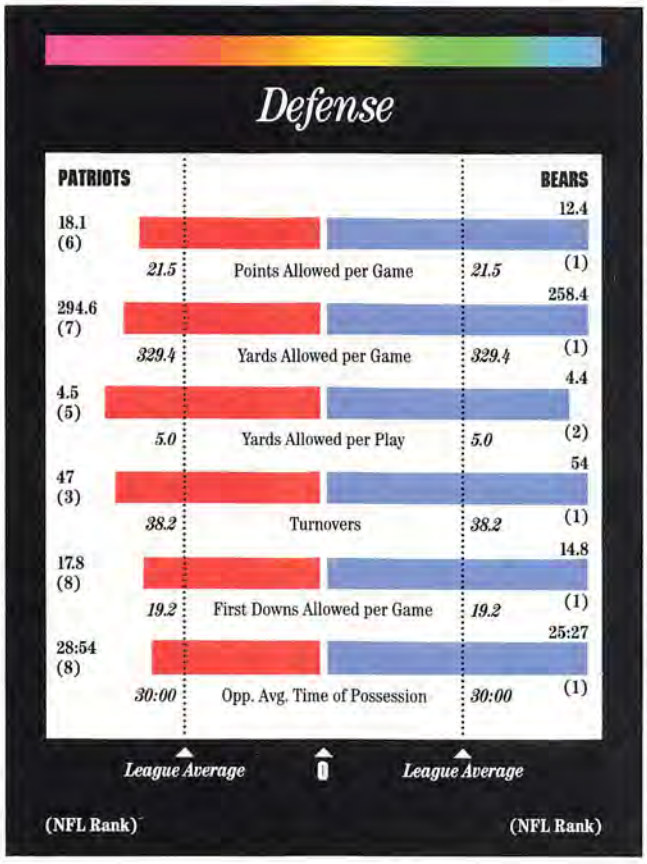
Vulnerabilities? Sure, they are there, but they also are relative. The Bears' offense alone is not scary, but, led by quarterback Jim McMahon and running back Walter Payton, at 31 the leading rusher in NFL history, it is good enough. Chicago's special teams are average, but far from an Achilles heel.

Mike Ditka is the no-nonsense coach of this collection of behemoths, a former all-pro tight end for the Bears who carries the mantle of George Halas. Halas hired the fiery Ditka in 1982, a year and a half before he died.

Halas also hired defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan, who, for the second year in a row, has the league's best defense.

There are five Pro Bowlers in this group—ends Richard Dent and Dan Hampton, linebackers Mike Singletary and Otis Wilson, and strong safety Dave Duerson—and five others—tackle Steve McMichael, linebacker Wilber Marshall, free safety Gary Fencik, and cornerbacks Leslie Frazier and Mike Richardson—who would have surprised no one had they been given the same honor.

The Bears would seem to be a team on a roll, a roll that started in training camp six months ago, a roll that turned into an avalanche through a remarkable season that included a 20-7 victory over the Patriots.



Sept. 8 Down 28-17 at halftime, Bears rallied on Frazier's interception and McMahon's pass and run for touchdowns. Chicago 38, Tampa Bay 28.
Sept. 15 Defense did the job, making three interceptions and six sacks for 55 yards in losses. Chicago 20, New England 7.
Sept. 19 McMahon, held out the first half with injuries, threw for scores on his first two passes. Chicago 33, Minnesota 24.
Sept. 29 Gault's 99-yard kickoff return opened 31-point second quarter; McMahon had three TD passes. Chicago 45, Washington 10.
Oct. 6 Payton scored career touchdowns 100 and 101, an NFL record, in another comeback victory. Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 19.
Oct. 13 Payton ran for 132 yards and two touchdowns as Bears dominated Super Bowl champions. Chicago 26, San Francisco 10.
Oct. 21 Defensive tackle William (The Refrigerator) Perry scored a touchdown and blocked for two scores by Payton. Chicago 23, Green Bay 7.
Oct. 27 Defense intercepted five passes, Payton ran for 118 yards, Wilson scored on an interception. Chicago 27, Minnesota 9.
Nov. 3 The Refrigerator turned receiver and caught a touchdown pass; Payton passed 14,000 career yards with 192. Chicago 16, Green Bay 10.
Nov. 10 Payton gained 107 yards and Suhey 102; backup quarterback Fuller scored twice in frigid game. Chicago 24, Green Bay 3.
Nov. 17 Dent ran one yard and Richardson 36 for touchdowns on interceptions in Cowboys' worst defeat ever. Chicago 44, Dallas 0.
Nov. 24 Payton tied NFL record with seventh consecutive 100-yard game (102) and one touchdown. Chicago 36, Atlanta 0.
Dec. 2 Winning streak stopped at 12 as Miami's Marino passed for 270 yards, 3 touchdowns. Payton ran for 121. Miami 38, Chicago 24.
Dec. 8 Payton ran NFL record for consecutive 100-yard games to nine with 111, but Colts were stubborn. Chicago 17, Indianapolis 10.
Dec. 14 Payton's string stopped with just 53 yards, but Butler's four field goals were enough. Chicago 19, New York Jets 6.
Dec. 22 Gentry returned second-half kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown to start Bears toward a 31-point half. Chicago 37, Detroit 17.
Jan. 5 Defense allowed Giants only 32 yards rushing; McKinnon caught two touchdown passes from McMahon. Chicago 21, New York Giants 0.
Jan. 12 McMahon ran 16 yards for one touchdown and passed for another as the defense stifled the Rams. Chicago 24, L.A. Rams 0.

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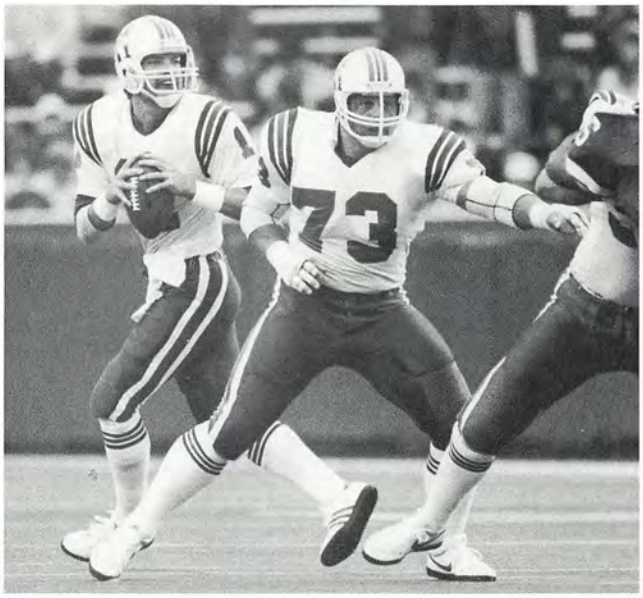
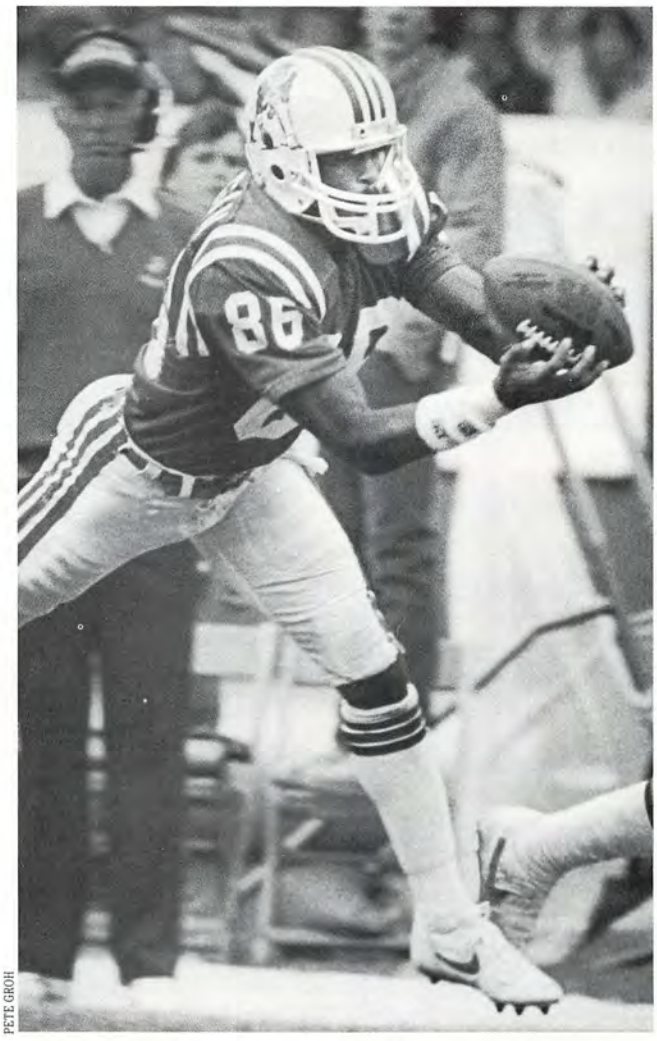


TOM CROKE

Quarterback Tony Eason (above) gets protection from "bodyguard" John Hannah; the long-ball threat is Stanley Morgan.



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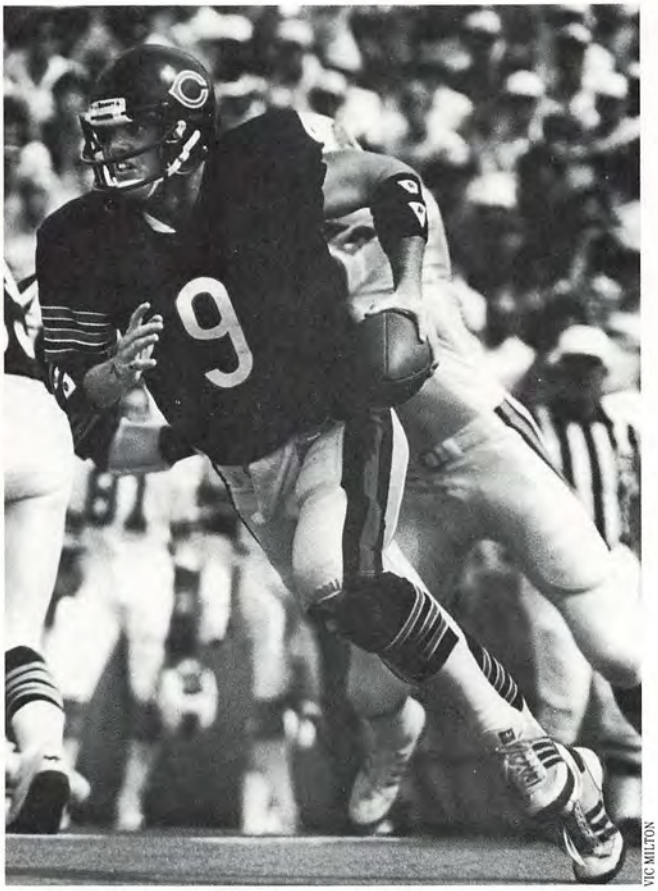

VIC MILTON

Quarterback Jim McMahon (above) passed for 2,392 yards and rushed for 252; Willie Gault averaged 21.3 yards on 33 catches.

JONATHAN DANIEL

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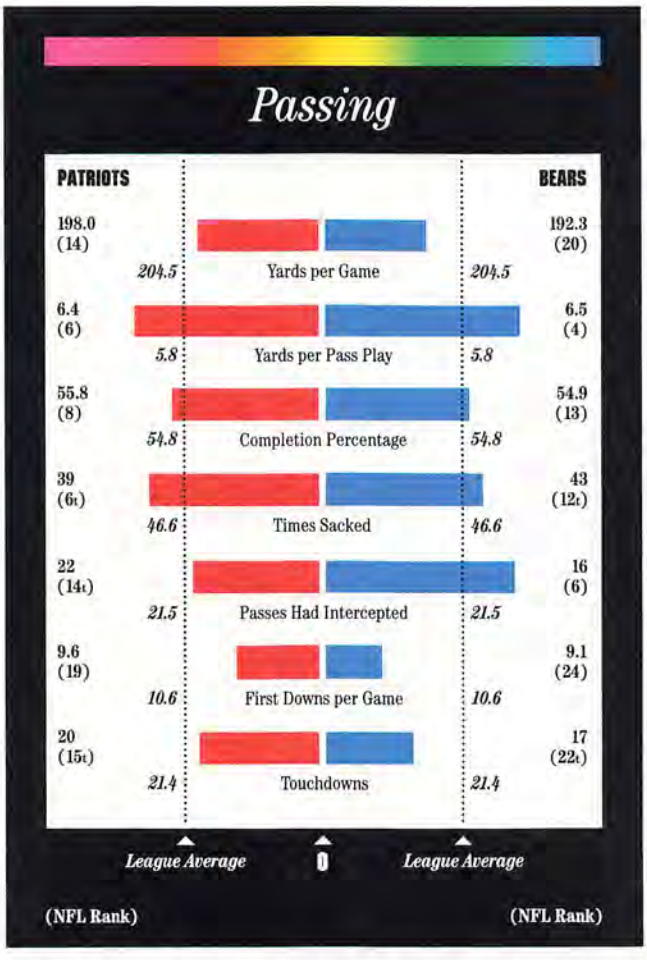

The success of the Patriots' passing offense depends as much—and maybe more—on their offensive line as it does on maturing quarterback Tony Eason. Pass protection will be important against the Bears' overloaded alignments and well-choreographed stunts.

New England's linemen have the size, strength, and experience to shoulder the responsibility. Tackles Brian Holloway and Steve Moore, guards John Hannah and Ron Wooten, and center Pete Brock average 6-5, 277.

Blocks by the running backs also could prove crucial. Tony Collins, the team's leading receiver this season, and Craig James (who also can pass) often may be kept in the backfield, forgoing their pass routes in order to pick up Chicago's extra pass rushers and frequent blitzes.

During the regular season Eason completed 168 of 299 passes (56.2 percent) for 2,156 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was sacked 28 times and threw 17 interceptions, but was interception-free in the playoffs. Against Chicago, Eason may have to adjust his game by moving out of the pocket and throwing quickly from a short drop—tactics that have worked against the Bears.

New England's conservative approach to offense dictates safe, shorter passes. If the running backs end up spending more time as blockers than receivers, look for Eason to change and go to tight ends Derrick Ramsey and Lin Dawson.

Chicago's defense also challenges passers with alignments that feature only one safety—sometimes none. If Eason can read these sets and audibilize in time, he's got the fleet wide receivers to exploit them in Stanley Morgan, Stephen Starring, and Cedric Jones. All three may be used simultaneously.

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Collins	52	549	10.6	49	2
Morgan	39	760	19.5	50t	5
Fryar	39	670	17.2	56	7
D. Ramsey	28	285	10.2	26	1
C. James	27	360	13.3	90t	2
Jones	21	237	11.3	29t	2
Dawson	17	148	8.7	26	0
Starring	16	235	14.7	40	0
D. Williams	9	163	18.1	30	0
Hawthorne	3	42	14.0	28t	1
Weathers	2	18	9.0	13	0
Tatupu	2	16	8.0	15	0

PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	Avg.	TD	% TD	Int.	% Int.	Long	Rating
Eason	299	168	56.2	2156	7.21	11	3.7	17	5.7	90t	67.5
Grogan	156	85	54.5	1311	8.40	7	4.5	5	3.2	56	84.1
C. James	2	2	100.0	16	8.00	2	100.0	0	0.0	11t	139.6

BEARS

Think of Mike Ditka as a jockey and Jim McMahon as his mount. Throw in McMahon's temperament—his tendency to race headlong into the competition—and the analogy is on its way. All Ditka has to do is keep a tight rein, and not let the guy "run out" on him.

McMahon's tool kit includes the world-class speed of Willie Gault, the sure-handedness of Dennis McKinnon, the short receiving-running capabilities of Walter Payton, and the daredevil attitude of Ken Margerum.

Gault's hands have been questioned, but it's likely Ditka and McMahon will want to test the swiftness of the Patriots' cornerbacks. Don't be surprised to see the Bears trying Gault deep on first and 10 from behind the 50. Inside New England's 30, however, McKinnon and Margerum are the receivers of choice.

Keeping McMahon and his ailing knees in the game would be a challenge if it weren't for his proven ability to take a beating from a pass rush. Still, expect a bit of rolling out, with a mobile pocket.

Payton's forte as a receiver is roaming the inner spaces of zones and converting on third downs.

Want to know when Payton will be used as a passer? For starters, follow McMahon's movement after pitching out on a running play. Notice whether the Patriots assign anyone to cover him. If he's not marked, the Bears like to run Payton right, with the option of throwing back across the field to the quarterback. Payton also can select his target from up to three wide receivers as well.

Tight ends Emery Moorehead and Tim Wrightman also work into the overall Chicago passing scheme.

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Payton	49	483	9.9	65	2
Moorehead	35	481	13.7	25	1
Gault	33	704	21.3	70t	1
Suhey	33	295	8.9	35	1
McKinnon	31	555	17.9	48	7
Wrightman	24	407	17.0	49	1
Margerum	17	190	11.2	20	2
Gentry	5	77	15.4	30	0
Thomas	5	45	9.0	15	0
Maness	1	34	34.0	34	0
McMahon	1	13	13.0	13t	1
Sanders	1	9	9.0	9	0
Anderson	1	6	6.0	6	0
Perry	1	4	4.0	4t	1

PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	Avg.	TD	% TD	Int.	% Int.	Long	Rating
McMahon	313	178	56.9	2392	7.64	15	4.8	11	3.5	70t	82.6
Fuller	107	53	49.5	777	7.26	1	0.9	5	4.7	69	57.3
Tomczak	6	2	33.3	33	5.50	0	0.0	0	0.0	24	52.8
Payton	5	3	60.0	96	19.20	1	20.0	0	0.0	50	143.8
Buford	1	1	100.0	5	5.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	87.5

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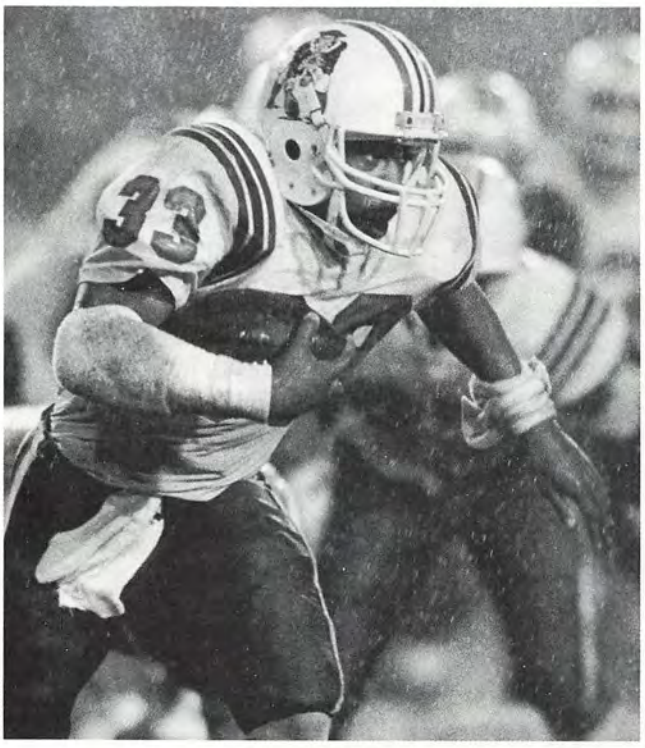

TOM CROKE

Tony Collins (above) rushed for 657 yards; Craig James was third among rushers in the AFC with 1,227 for a 4.7 average.

JOHN SANDHAUS

BEARS

MALCOLM EMMONS

Calvin Thomas (above) provides depth at fullback; Matt Suhey complemented Walter Payton with 471 rushing yards.

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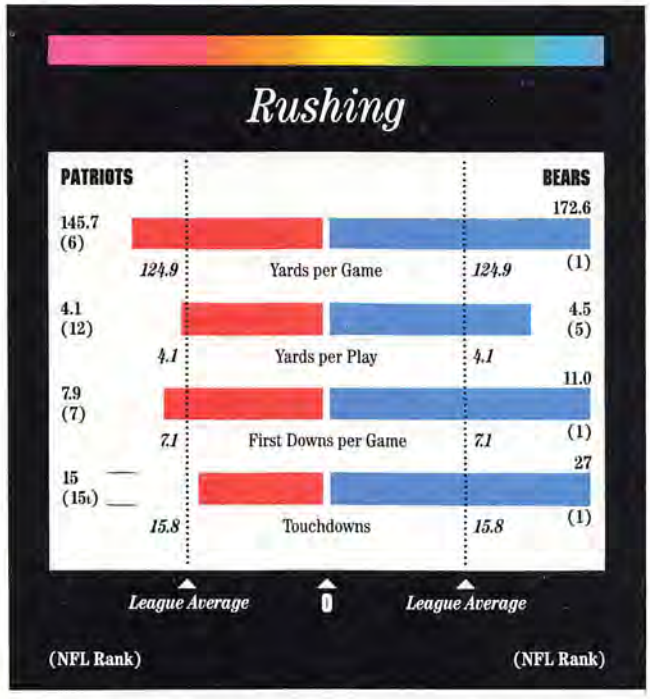

The best word to describe the New England offense is "vanilla." The Patriots don't go in for the exotic flavors in a big way. They stick with the basics, preferring to make their yardage the old-fashioned way—they earn it on the ground.

New England has four solid running backs cast from a similar mold. All four can get tough yardage, aren't afraid to block, and don't fumble. They are uniform in size as well as talent, averaging a shade under 220 pounds.

Craig James is the lead man of the group, a Pro Bowler for the first time this year. He has excellent field vision, great quickness, and deceptive acceleration. He's broken a number of long runs in two NFL seasons, including a 65-yarder this year.

James also has an uncanny ability for avoiding getting hit squarely by tacklers; this should serve him well because he's nursing a sore shoulder. During the regular season, James was the AFC's third-leading rusher, totalling 1,227 yards on 263 carries (a 4.7-yard average) and five touchdowns. In the playoffs he gained 49 yards against the Jets, and 104 and 105 against the Raiders and Dolphins, respectively.

Tony Collins often is teamed with James in the Patriots' standard two-back set. Though his role as a rusher was diminished somewhat this season in favor of using him as a pass receiver, he gained 657 yards on the ground. In the playoffs, Collins gained much of his yardage running out of the Shotgun.

Robert Weathers and Mosi Tatupu rotate into New England's backfield. Both are rugged, sure-handed rushers used primarily in short-yardage and goal-line situations. Occasionally they will start a series to rest James and Collins. Weathers also showed breakaway ability in the AFC Championship Game, shedding Dolphins defenders for a 45-yard gain.

Quarterback Tony Eason also can run when a lane is presented him. However, opening those lanes for Eason, James, and company against the league's top rushing defense may be a problem. Look for the Patriots to favor running to their left behind Pro Bowl starters guard John Hannah and tackle Brian Holloway. Hannah may be involved in one of the game's key matchups; he'll be facing the Sisyphean task of blocking William Perry.

RUSHING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
C. James	263	1227	4.7	65t	5
Collins	163	657	4.0	28	3
Weathers	41	174	4.2	42t	1
Tatupu	47	152	3.2	11	2
Eason	22	70	3.2	23	1
Grogan	20	29	1.5	12	2
Fryar	7	27	3.9	13	1
Morgan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Franklin	1	−5	−5.0	−5	0

BEARS

Is there a more emotionally moving role in Super Bowl XX than the one about to be played by the NFL's all-time leading rusher, reaching this game at this point in his career?

Walter Payton is the Bears' central figure, the versatile focal point from whom all inspiration flows.

And the pitch to Payton is Chicago's main course. But if Payton draws too much attention, and the play is strung out, look for Matt Suhey to get his share of the so-called "junk yardage," taking a path inside the linebacker.

A third factor in the Chicago running game—after quarterback Jim McMahon's upfield forays, such as his 16-yard touchdown in the NFC title game—is Dennis Gentry. Mike Ditka can't seem to decide whether Gentry is a running back or a receiver. As the former, he's used on draws and traps. Look for him to run with an occasional forward handoff out of the Shotgun.

Another reason to watch Suhey: When he goes in motion, the Bears like to run Payton in that direction. (Don't discount the value of the Bears' running backs, including Payton, as blockers.) On the other hand, when wide receiver Dennis McKinnon crosses the field in motion, the play generally goes the opposite way, with McKinnon blocking defenders trying to pursue cross-field. If the play is coming to McKinnon's side, he'll come down the line of scrimmage, concentrating on the near linebacker.

The Bears' offensive line, keeping with franchise tradition, leans toward firing out rather than finesse. Third-year tackle Jim Covert and fifth-year center Jay Hilgenberg are on their way to the Pro Bowl. The line benefits from working weekdays against the finest group of defensive linemen in the NFL. The postseason is payoff time for this sort of combat.

No scouting report on the Bears' rushing attack is complete without brief homage to William Perry. The rookie defensive tackle claims in the Bears' music video that he "didn't come here lookin' for trouble." No, he's here mainly for pass-rushing purposes ...unless, perhaps, the Bears are assured of victory, and he happens to shuffle into the end zone, ball in hand, as only a 308-pound folk hero can.

RUSHING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Payton	324	1551	4.8	40t	9
Suhey	115	471	4.1	17	1
McMahon	47	252	5.4	19	3
Gentry	30	160	5.3	21	2
Thomas	31	125	4.0	17	4
Sanders	25	104	4.2	28	1
Fuller	24	77	3.2	13	5
Gault	5	18	3.6	11	0
Perry	5	7	1.4	2	2
Tomczak	2	3	1.5	3	0
McKinnon	1	0	0.0	0	0
Margerum	1	−7	−7.0	−7	0

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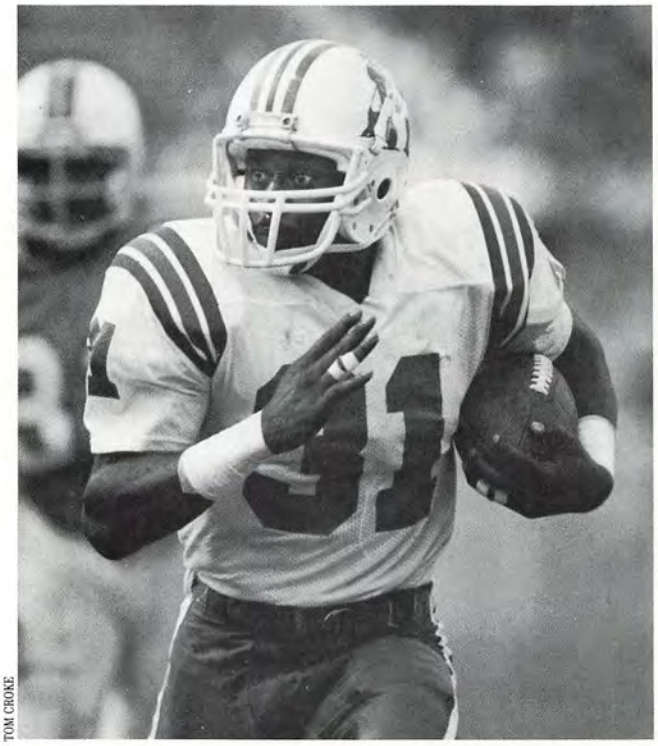


TOM CROKE

Safety Fred Marion (above) led team in interceptions; defensive end Julius Adams (85) is in fourteenth season rushing passers.

TOM CROKE

BEARS

JONATHAN DANIEL

Richard Dent (above) led the NFL in sacks with 17; safety Gary Fencik intercepted five passes and led in tackles with 118.

VIC MILTON

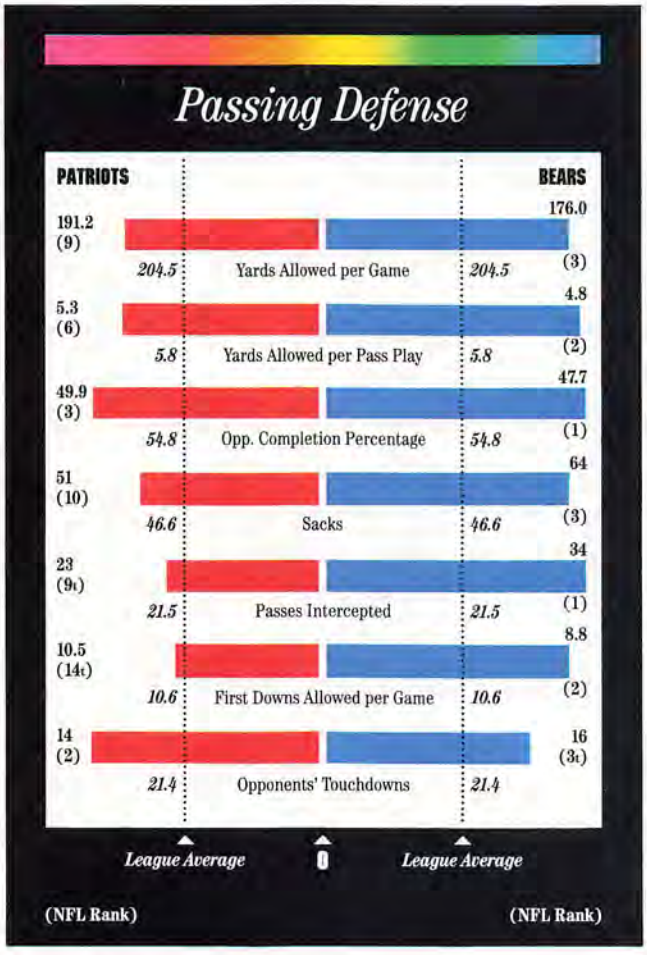
PATRIOTS

In New England's last four games, the Patriots' defense shut down three of the AFC's top four passers: Boomer Esiason (second), Ken O'Brien (first), and Dan Marino (fourth). Now it sets its sights on the NFC's number-two rated quarterback, Jim McMahon.

The Patriots made it to the Super Bowl playing their own game on defense, with less consideration than most teams have for what the opposition is going to do. In the Super Bowl, the Patriots can be expected to continue that philosophy.

In their normal 3-4 defense, the Patriots use both a strong rotating zone, with strong safety Roland James playing up, and man-to-man coverage. Because of the skill of cornerbacks Raymond Clayborn and Ronnie Lippett, the Patriots play more man-to-man than most teams. That doesn't mean they are gamblers, however. New England's defense is, like its offense, relatively conservative. The cornerbacks don't play up in the 3-4, but force everything to be thrown in front of them instead by leaving a big cushion.

The Patriots do not do much all-out blitzing, although left outside linebacker Andre Tippett led the AFC with 16½ sacks and his counterpart on the right, Don Blackmon, added 8. When it is in the 3-4, New England will send Tippett or Blackmon when expecting a pass or inside linebackers Steve Nelson or Larry McGrew when expecting a run. Unlike the Bears, the Patriots rarely blitz safety Fred Marion, whose feel for the ball led to seven interceptions and three more in the playoffs.



When the Patriots are defending against an obvious passing situation, they go into a 4-1-6. Tippett lines up at end, regular end Julius Adams joins Lester Williams at tackle, and rookie Garin Veris mans the other end, from which he made 10 sacks in 1985. Blackmon stays in at linebacker, while Rod McSwain and Ernest Gibson join the secondary.

Should the Bears go to their favorite long-yardage situation, with Dennis Gentry joining Walter Payton in the backfield, Blackmon will take Payton with either Lippett or Clayborn covering Gentry.

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Marion	7	189	27.0	83	0
Clayborn	6	80	13.3	38	1
R. James	4	51	12.8	39	0
Lippett	3	93	31.0	58	0
Blackmon	1	14	14.0	14	0
McGrew	1	0	0.0	0	0
McSwain	1	0	0.0	0	0

BEARS

The Bears had 64 sacks during the regular season (linebacker Otis Wilson was second to Dent with 11½) and have added 9 more in two playoff games. The pass rush is one of the reasons Chicago opponents have completed only 46.4 percent of their passes so far this season (36.3 percent in the playoffs).

The Bears were league leaders with 34 interceptions—20 by their starting secondary of cornerbacks Mike Richardson (4) and Leslie Frazier (6) and safeties Gary Fencik (5) and Dave Duerson (5). Chicago also had 20 fumble recoveries, leading the NFL with 54 takeaways.

The best pass defender among the linebackers is Wilber Marshall, who used his exceptional speed to grab five passes during the regular season.

Defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan's pass defense will give the Patriots' numerous dogs and blitzes to contend with, especially if they get inside the Bears' 50. In the divisional playoffs against the Giants, for example, Chicago sent a linebacker and/or defensive back 79 percent of the time on third-and-short (three to six yards) situations inside midfield.

Ryan does very little situation substituting. In passing situations, the Nickel back is Shaun Gayle. Ryan also uses 6-foot 7-inch defensive end Tyrone Keys.

Last November, Green Bay quarterback Lynn Dickey offered this assessment of the Bears' defense: "It's almost impossible to run against them. Then, after they force you to pass, they put so much pressure on you, it's kind of scary."

A great deal of the pressure comes from defensive end Richard Dent, a one-man wrecking crew who led the NFL with 17 quarterback sacks.

Dent, a speed rusher, always lines up on the weak side (the side away from the tight end) in the Bears' vaunted 46 defense. The key to his success is the stunting by the other three linemen, end Dan Hampton and tackles William Perry and Steve McMichael. The stunts isolate Dent one-on-one and he usually is too much for one man to handle.

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Frazier	6	119	19.8	33	1
Duerson	5	53	10.6	20	0
Fencik	5	43	8.6	22	0
Richardson	4	174	43.5	90	1
Marshall	4	23	5.8	14	0
Wilson	3	35	11.7	23t	1
Taylor	3	28	9.3	18	0
Dent	2	10	5.0	9	1
Singletary	1	23	23.0	23	0
Rivera	1	4	4.0	4	0

PATRIOTS

TOM CROKE

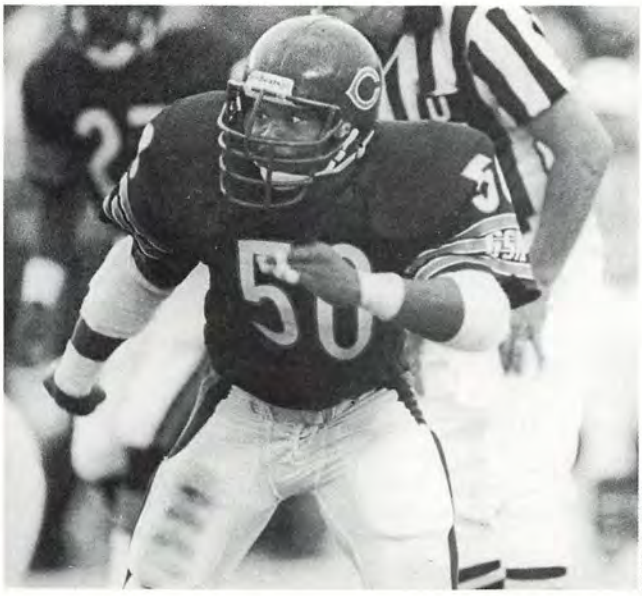
Rookie Garin Veris (above) moved into a starter's job at defensive end; veteran linebacker Steve Nelson led team in tackles.

TOM CROKE

BEARS

JONATHAN DANIEL

Veteran end Dan Hampton (99, above) is quick and strong; all-pro linebacker Mike Singletary was second in tackles with 113.



MALCOLM EMMONS

PATRIOTS

If it had taken some fancy, special defense to get to the Super Bowl, the Patriots probably wouldn't be here.

But the Patriots use their talent to its utmost. They are not a unit with overwhelming talent. Nor do they have great depth. They play a very basic defense. They flow to the ball well and are extremely opportunistic. They recovered 24 opponent fumbles, just one short of the high mark in the league, while ranking sixth in the league in rushing defense.

Walter Payton could have problems with the New England defense, simply because of the ease with which it flows to the ball. It is a "stay-at-home" type of defense that does not blitz often.

Julius Adams, the 14-year veteran at right end, has seen everything there is to see. He is not easily fooled, and, at 6-3, 270, he is not easily moved.

Garin Veris on the other end is a rookie who was asked to fill in when Kenneth Sims was sidelined with a broken leg early in December. He has become an excellent outside lineman.

The least heralded of the Patriots' front three is the nose tackle, Lester Williams (6-3, 272). Williams developed as the season progressed and now is a solid performer.

The player most likely to come up with the tackle for a loss on a running play is the same one who provides the big threat in sacking the quarterback, linebacker Andre Tippett. He has size (6-3, 241), exceptional speed, and athletic ability. His quickness allows him to move to the runner with sudden impact. And his karate training gives him unusual balance and leverage when greeting runners.

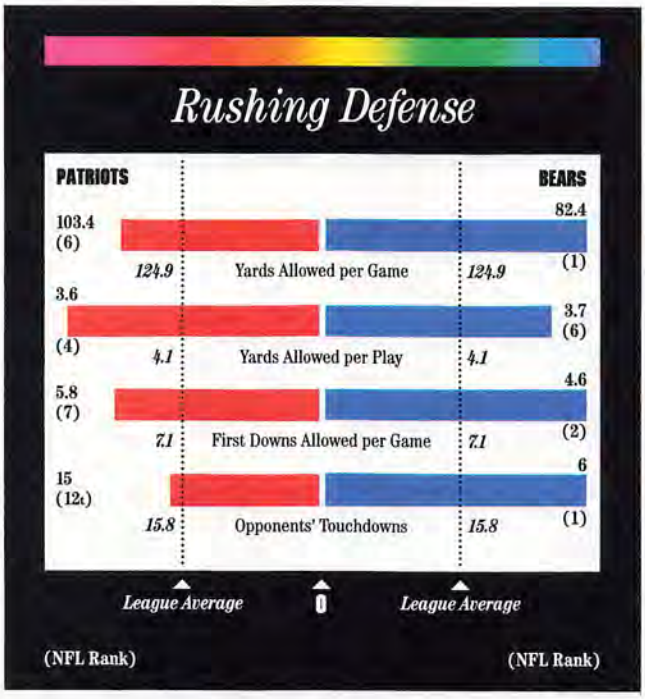
The other linebackers play coordinated as a unit.

Steve Nelson (6-3, 230) is the team's leading tackler; he also recovered three opponents' fumbles during the regular season. He can get to the ball and is a sure tackler, although an injury to his left shoulder caused him some problems in the AFC Championship Game.

Larry McGrew (6-5, 233) is the other inside linebacker and another solid tackler. He finished third on the team in tackles.

Don Blackmon (6-3, 235) is opposite Tippett on the right side. He is the least known of the Patriots' linebacking crew, but he is a dominating presence against the run.

Strong safety Roland James is an excellent "force" man against the run. Fred Marion, the free safety, isn't as tough against the run, but he finished second in total tackles and was far and away the leader in making initial contact with ball carriers.



BEARS

The Bears have the best defense in the NFL...and the numbers to prove it.

Chicago was the league leader in nine categories (including points allowed, total defense, and rushing defense). They were second in four others and third in three more.

In addition to four shutouts, including two straight in the playoffs, Chicago has held three other opponents without a touchdown, and allowed 10 points or less in 13 games.

It's also worth noting that the Bears have been virtually impenetrable in the second halves of games this season. The defense has given up only 69 second-half points, and only one rushing touchdown (by James Jones of Detroit in the final game of the regular season). They also have eight second-half shutouts to their credit.

Defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan is the architect of this second coming of the "Monsters of the Midway."

The foundation of his defensive scheme is the "46." By its design, the 46, which features what is virtually an eight-man front, creates a mathematical mismatch at the line of scrimmage and wreaks havoc on blocking assignments.

New England found out first-hand about the perils of the 46 in its week 2 meeting during the regular season. The Patriots rushed for 27 yards on 16 carries. Craig James had seven yards on five carries.

The Bears have quality performers at every defensive position. Five of their starters—ends Dan Hampton and Richard Dent, linebackers Otis Wilson and Mike Singletary, and safety Dave Duerson will play in next week's Pro Bowl.

Singletary, the NFC defensive player of the year, is the catalyst of the defense. He calls the signals on the field and teams with Wilson and Wilber Marshall to form one of the NFL's premier linebacking units. They combined for 203 individual tackles during the regular season.

Strong safety Gary Fencik is the leading tackler—he had 98 solos during the regular season.

For the Bears to be successful against the Patriots, they must continue to rely on the ability of the front four of Hampton, Dent, and tackles William Perry and Steve McMichael to win the battle at the line of scrimmage.

Ryan's defense is designed to make big plays on the offense's side of the line. Penetration is the key. The unit's goal, as it has been all season, will be to force the quarterback (Tony Eason) into passing situations. If they do, they can turn loose their fearsome pass rush.

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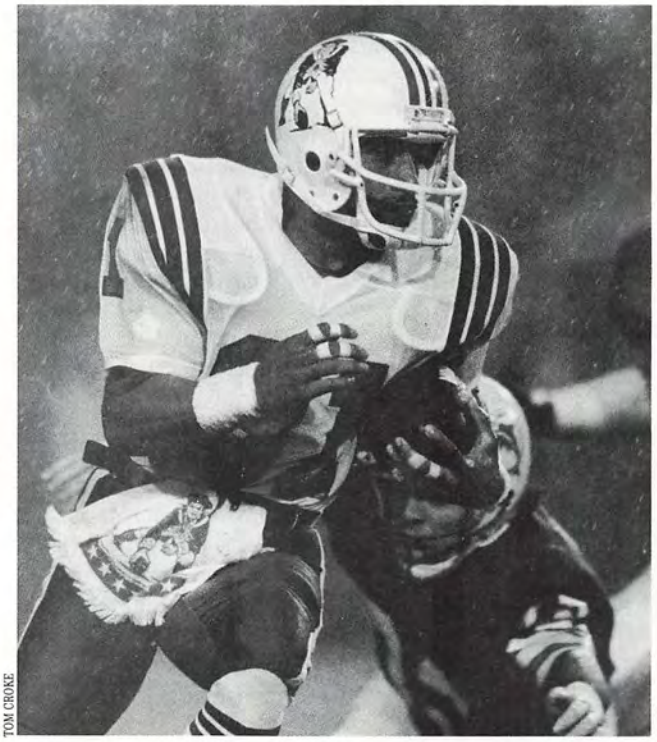
Barefoot kicker Tony Franklin (above) made 24 of 30 field-goal attempts; Stephen Starring averaged 21.1 yards on kick returns.



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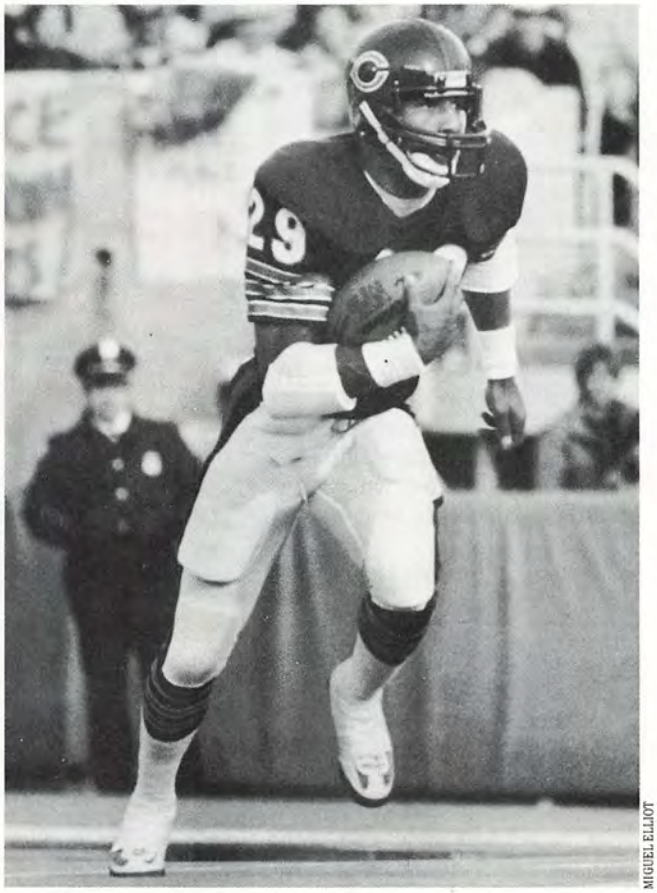

MIGUEL ELLIOT

Dennis Gentry (above) is explosive returning kicks; rookie place-kicker Kevin Butler led the NFL in scoring with 144 points.

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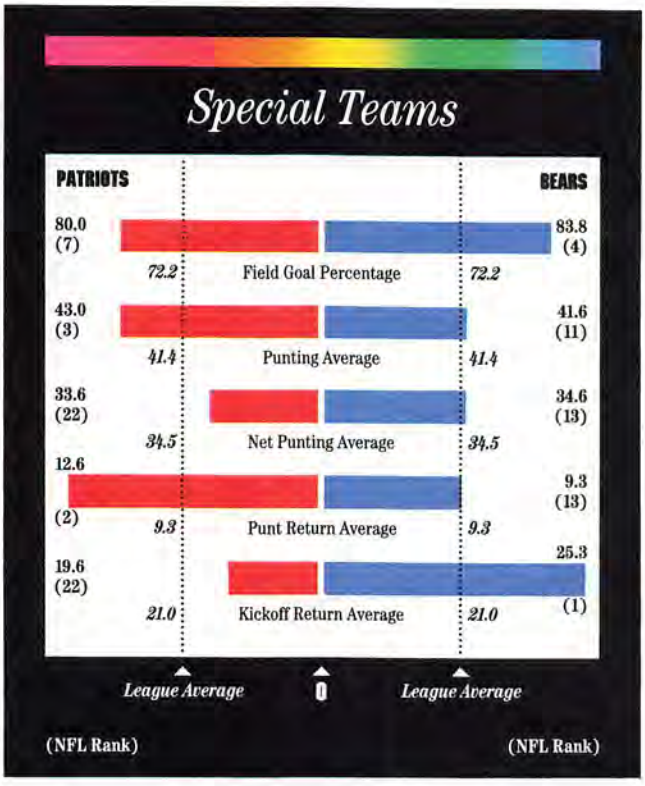
PATRIOTS



Barefooted Tony Franklin had his best season ever in 1985. New England's placekicker finished fifth in scoring in the AFC with 112 points, connecting on 40 of 41 extra points and 24 of 30 field goals (80 percent accuracy). An excellent long-range kicker, Franklin made 7 of 11 attempts from 40 or more yards, including two 50-yarders. This will be Franklin's second appearance in a Super Bowl. He was with the Philadelphia Eagles in Game XV.

New England's punting duties are handled by Rich Camarillo, one of the most consistent punters in the NFL. Camarillo finished third in the AFC and fifth overall in the league in gross average with a mark of 43.0. He had the league's longest punt this season, 75 yards.

The Patriots' punt return team was the AFC's best this season and was ranked number two in the NFL with an average of 12.6 yards. Irving Fryar led the league with a 14.1-yard average and returned two for touchdowns. But New England was dealt a severe blow when Fryar suffered a severed tendon in a finger in an off-field accident and was unable to play in the AFC Championship Game. Safety Roland James replaced Fryar but had problems, fumbling twice against Miami.

New England's kickoff-return squad ranked only twenty-second in the NFL in 1985, averaging 19.6 yards per return. Stephen Starring had a 21.1-yard average with a long gain of 53 yards.

The Patriots' punt and kickoff coverage teams are led by special teams captain and running back Mosi Tatupu, defensive backs Jim Bowman and Rod McSwain, and linebacker Brian Ingram. The kickoff coverage team ranked second in the AFC allowing only 18.9 yards per return. New England had difficulty covering punts, though, giving up an average of 10.7 per return.

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Blk.
Camarillo	92	3953	43.0	75	0

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Fryar	37	15	520	14.1	85t	2
R. James	2	0	13	6.5	13	0
Starring	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bowman	1	0	−3	−3.0	−3	0
Marion	0	1	0	—	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Starring	48	1012	21.1	53	0
Fryar	3	39	13.0	24	0
Jones	3	37	12.3	20	0
Weathers	1	18	18.0	18	0
Hawthorne	1	13	13.0	13	0
C. James	1	0	0.0	0	0

FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
Franklin	1-1	7-9	9-9	5-9	2-2	24-30

BEARS

tent on his kickoffs, however, something that helped contribute to the Bears' low ranking in kickoff coverage. Chicago gave up an average of 23.4 yards on kickoffs, poorest in the NFC and a total exceeded only by Houston (24.9) and Pittsburgh (24.1) in the entire NFL. Look for the Bears to use some of their front-line players today to help bolster coverage.

Speedy Willie Gault's presence returning kickoffs helped make Chicago the NFL's top team in kickoff return average (25.3 yards). He and Dennis Gentry form a dangerous duo.

The Bears had a new punter in 1985—veteran Maury Buford, who was obtained in a trade from San Diego. Buford averaged 42.2 yards per kick (34.6 net, thirteenth-best in the NFL). However, he is considered vulnerable when pressured, and often struggles on kicks from his own end zone.

With free-agent rookies Keith Ortego and Ken Taylor handling the duties, Chicago ranked thirteenth in the league at returning punts, averaging 9.3 yards.

Rookie placekickers aren't supposed to make the kind of contribution that Kevin Butler made to the Chicago Bears this season. Especially when you consider that the Bears came within one victory of the Super Bowl last year. This hardly was a team in need.

However, it was a team that could afford the relative luxury of using its fourth-round draft choice on a precious NFL commodity: an accurate, reliable field-goal kicker. And to coach Mike Ditka's delight, that's just what Butler was.

Butler led the NFL in points with a Bears-record 144, the most ever by an NFL rookie. He also set club records for most field goals (31) and best percentage (81.6 percent on 31 of 37, including 13 in a row). His longest field goal was 46 yards. He was a perfect 51 of 51 on extra points.

Butler often is inconsis-

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Blk.
Buford	68	2870	42.2	69	1

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Taylor	25	8	198	7.9	21	0
Ortego	17	2	158	9.3	23	0
Duerson	6	0	47	7.8	11	0
McKinnon	4	0	44	11.0	17	0
Maness	2	0	9	4.5	5	0
Gentry	0	0	47	—	47	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Gault	22	577	26.2	99t	1
Gentry	18	466	25.9	94t	1
Taylor	1	18	18.0	18	0
McKinnon	1	16	16.0	16	0
Sanders	1	10	10.0	10	0
Marshall	0	2	—	2	0

FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
Butler	2-2	13-13	13-14	3-6	0-3	31-38

PATRIOTS

HOW THEY WERE BUILT

YEAR	DRAFT (36)	TRADES (4)	FREE AGENTS (4) WAIVERS (1)
1971 6-8 3rd, AFC East	DE Julius Adams (2)		
1972 3-11 5th, AFC East			
1973 5-9 3rd, AFC East	G John Hannah (1A)		
1974 7-7-0 3rd, AFC East	LB Steve Nelson (2B)		
1975 3-11-0 5th, AFC East	QB Steve Grogan (5A)		
1976 11-4-0 2nd, AFC East	C Pete Brock (1B)		
1977 9-5-0 3rd, AFC East	CB Raymond Clayborn (1A) WR Stanley Morgan (1B)		
1978 11-6 1st, AFC East	RB Mosi Tatupu (8B)		
1979 9-7-0 2nd, AFC East			
1980 10-6-0 2nd, AFC East	S Roland James (1A) LB Larry McGrew (2)		
1981 2-14-0 5th, AFC East	T Brian Holloway (1) RB Tony Collins (2) LB Don Blackmon (4) G Ron Wooten (6) TE Lin Dawson (8B)		P Rich Camarillo (FA)
1982 5-4-0 AFC Regular Season	NT Lester Williams (1B) RB Robert Weathers (2A) LB Andre Tippett (2B) WR Cedric Jones (3A) LB Brian Ingram (4B) S Fred Marion (5)		NT Dennis Owens (FA)
1983 8-8-0 2nd, AFC East	QB Tony Eason (1) WR Stephen Starring (3A) T Steve Moore (3B) LB Johnny Rembert (4) DE Smiley Creswell (5A) RB Craig James (7) CB Ronnie Lippett (8) QB Tom Ramsey (10C)	TE Derrick Ramsey (from L.A. Raiders)	LB Ed Reynolds (FA)
1984 9-7-0 2nd, AFC East	WR-KR Irving Fryar (1) LB Ed Williams (2) G Paul Fairchild (5) CB Ernest Gibson (6)	K Tony Franklin (from Philadelphia) WR Greg Hawthorne (from Pittsburgh) CB Rod McSwain (from Atlanta)	C-G Guy Morriss (FA)
1985 14-5 AFC Champion	DE Garin Veris (2A) S Jim Bowman (2B) DE Ben Thomas (2C)		T Art Plunkett (W)

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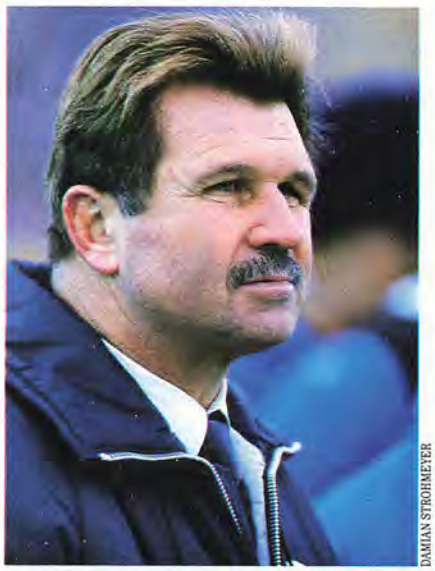
In his first full season as a head coach, Raymond Berry has led the New England Patriots to their first Super Bowl. Berry became the Patriots' head coach midway through the 1984 season, and guided the team to a 4-4 finish. His overall record is 18-9. Berry, 52, played end at SMU before being selected by Baltimore in the twentieth round of the 1954 NFL draft. He played 13 years with the Colts, leading the NFL in receiving in 1958, 1959, and 1960. He was selected to five Pro Bowls.

Berry finished his career as the leading receiver in the history of the NFL (631 receptions for 9,278 yards and 68 touchdowns), and was selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame the first year he was eligible (1973).

Berry served as an assistant with the Dallas Cowboys, the Universiy of Arkansas, Detroit Lions, Cleveland Browns, and the Patriots before temporarily leaving football in 1981.

Berry's staff includes Dean Brittenham, strength and conditioning; Jim Carr, defensive backs; Bobby Grier, offensive backs; Ray Hamilton, assistant defensive line; Rod Humenuik, assistant head coach-offense, offensive line; Harold Jackson, assistant receivers; Eddie Khayat, defensive line; John Polonchek, special assistant to the head coach; Rod Rust, defensive coordinator; Dante Scarnecchia, special teams-tight ends; Don Shinnick, linebackers; and Les Steckel, receivers-quarterbacks.



DAMIAN STROHMEYER

In just his fourth year as head coach, Mike Ditka guided the Bears to a regular-season record of 15-1, equaling the 1984 San Francisco 49ers for the best NFL record ever in a 16-game schedule. Only a 38-24 defeat in Miami kept Chicago from an unbeaten season.

Under the 46-year-old Ditka's leadership, the Bears now have won two consecutive NFC Central Division championships. Prior to 1984, the Bears had not won a title of any kind since George Halas led them to the 1963 NFL championship with the help of all-pro tight end Ditka.

After earning All-America honors as an end and middle linebacker at Pittsburgh, Ditka had an outstanding career in the NFL. In 12 seasons with Chicago, Philadelphia, and Dallas, he caught 427 passes for 5,812 yards and 43 touchdowns. Ditka played in two Super Bowls and five Pro Bowls.

When his playing career ended following the 1972 season, Ditka joined Tom Landry's staff. He stayed with the Cowboys through the 1981 season before returning to Chicago to become the Bears' tenth head coach.

Ditka's staff includes Jim Dooley, research and quality control; Dale Haupt, defensive line; Ed Hughes, offensive coordinator; Steve Kazor, special teams; Jim LaRue, defensive secondary; Ted Plumb, receivers; Johnny Roland, offensive backfield; Buddy Ryan, defensive coordinator; and Dick Stanfel, offensive line.

HOW THEY WERE BUILT

YEAR	DRAFT (26)	TRADE (4)	FREE AGENTS (14) WAIVERS (1)
1975 4-10 3rd, NFC Central	RB Walter Payton (1) DE Mike Hartenstine (2)		
1976 7-7 2nd, NFC Central			S Gary Fencik (FA)
1977 10-5 2nd, NFC Central			
1978 7-9 4th, NFC Central			
1979 11-6 2nd, NFC Central	DE Dan Hampton (1A)		
1980 7-9 3rd, NFC Central	LB Otis Wilson (1) RB Matt Suhey (2)		
1981 6-10 5th, NFC Central	T Keith Van Horne (1) LB Mike Singletary (2) WR Ken Margerum (3)		CB Leslie Frazier (FA) C Jay Hilgenberg (FA) TE Emery Moorehead (FA) DT Steve McMichael (FA) LB Brian Cabral (FA)
1982 3-6 12th, NFC Regular Season	QB Jim McMahon (1) RB Dennis Gentry (4)		RB Calvin Thomas (FA)
1983 8-8 3rd, NFC Central	T Jim Covert (1A) WR Willie Gault (1B) CB Mike Richardson (2) S Dave Duerson (3) DE Richard Dent (8A) G Mark Bortz (8B)	DE Tyrone Keys (from N.Y. Jets) T Andy Frederick (From Cleveland)	WR Dennis McKinnon (FA)
1984 11-7 1st, NFC Central	LB Wilber Marshall (1) LB Ron Rivera (2) G Stefan Humphries (3) T-C Tom Andrews (4) CB Shaun Gayle (10B)	QB Steve Fuller (from L.A. Rams)	DT Henry Waechter (FA)
1985 17-1 NFC Champion	DT William Perry (1) CB Reggie Phillips (2) K Kevin Butler (4) RB Thomas Sanders (9) LB Jim Morrissey (11)	P Maury Buford (from San Diego)	WR Keith Ortego (FA) CB Ken Taylor (FA) G-C Tom Thayer (FA) LB Cliff Thrift (W) QB Mike Tomczak (FA) TE Tim Wrightman (FA)

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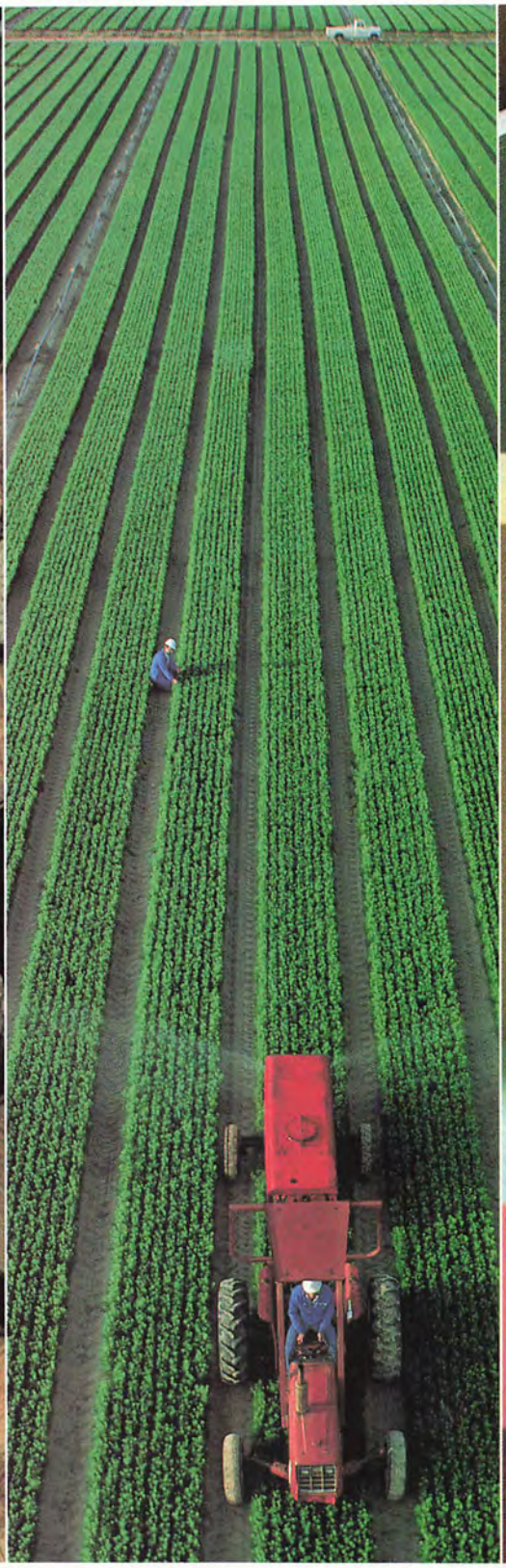

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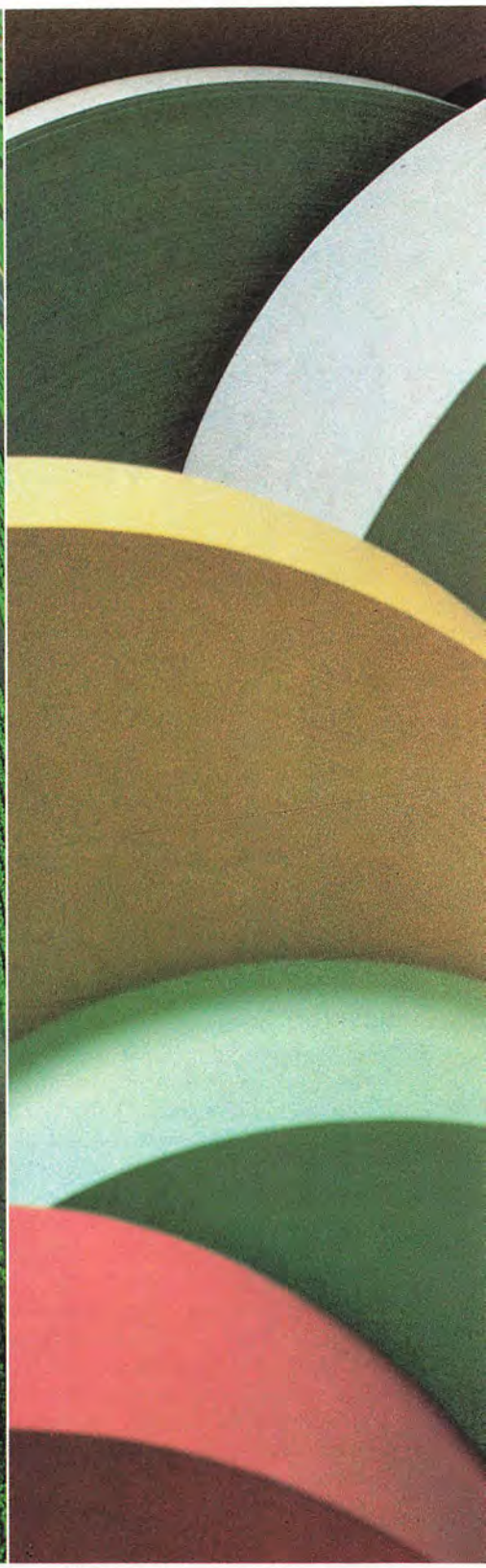

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3 RICH CAMARILLO
Punter

11 TONY EASON
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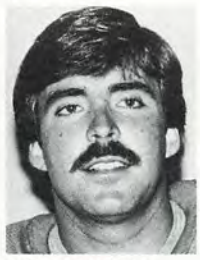

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Quarterback

14 STEVE GROGAN
Quarterback

23 ROD McSWAIN
Cornerback

24 R. WEATHERS
Running Back

26 R. CLAYBORN
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27 GREG HAWTHORNE
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28 JIM BOWMAN
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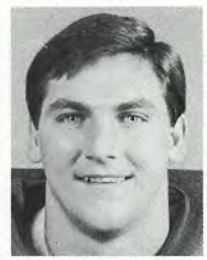

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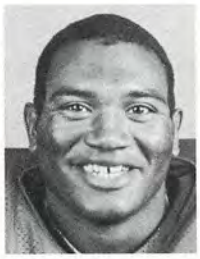

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Guard

66 PAUL FAIRCHILD
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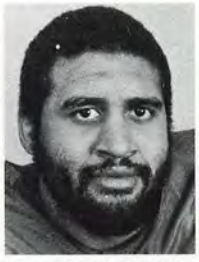

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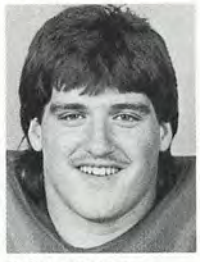

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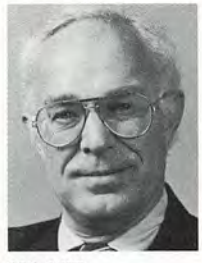

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	NFL Exp.	College
85	Adams, Julius	DE	6-3	270	4/26/48	14	Texas Southern
55	Blackmon, Don	LB	6-3	235	3/14/58	5	Tulsa
28	Bowman, Jim	S	6-2	210	10/26/63	R	Central Michigan
58	Brock, Pete	C	6-5	275	7/14/54	10	Colorado
3	Camarillo, Rich	P	5-11	185	11/29/59	5	Washington
26	Clayborn, Raymond	CB	6-0	186	1/2/55	9	Texas
33	Collins, Tony	RB	5-11	212	5/27/59	5	East Carolina
92	Creswell, Smiley	DE	6-4	251	12/11/59	1	Michigan State
87	Dawson, Lin	TE	6-3	240	6/24/59	5	North Carolina State
11	Eason, Tony	QB	6-4	212	10/8/59	3	Illinois
66	Fairchild, Paul	G	6-4	270	9/14/61	2	Kansas
1	Franklin, Tony	K	5-8	182	11/18/56	7	Texas A&M
80	Fryar, Irving	WR-KR	6-0	200	9/28/62	2	Nebraska
43	Gibson, Ernest	CB	5-10	185	10/3/61	2	Furman
14	Grogan, Steve	QB	6-4	210	7/24/53	11	Kansas State
73	Hannah, John	G	6-3	265	4/4/51	13	Alabama
27	Hawthorne, Greg	WR-RB	6-2	225	9/5/56	7	Baylor
76	Holloway, Brian	T	6-7	288	7/25/59	5	Stanford
51	Ingram, Brian	LB	6-4	235	10/31/59	4	Tennessee
32	James, Craig	RB	6-0	215	1/2/61	2	SMU
38	James, Roland	S	6-2	191	2/18/58	6	Tennessee
83	Jones, Cedric	WR	6-1	184	6/1/60	4	Duke
42	Lippett, Ronnie	CB	5-11	180	12/10/60	3	Miami
31	Marion, Fred	S	6-2	191	8/2/59	4	Miami
50	McGrew, Larry	LB	6-5	233	7/23/57	5	USC
23	McSwain, Rod	CB	6-1	198	1/28/62	2	Clemson
67	Moore, Steve	T	6-4	285	10/1/60	3	Tennessee State
86	Morgan, Stanley	WR	5-11	181	2/17/55	9	Tennessee
75	Morriss, Guy	C-G	6-4	255	5/13/51	13	Texas Christian
57	Nelson, Steve	LB	6-2	230	4/26/51	12	North Dakota State
98	Owens, Dennis	NT	6-1	258	2/24/60	4	North Carolina State
70	Plunkett, Art	T	6-7	260	3/8/59	5	Nevada-Las Vegas
88	Ramsey, Derrick	TE	6-5	235	12/23/56	8	Kentucky
12	Ramsey, Tom	QB	6-1	189	7/9/61	1	UCLA
52	Rembert, Johnny	LB	6-3	234	1/19/61	3	Clemson
95	Reynolds, Ed	LB	6-5	230	9/23/61	3	Virginia
81	Starring, Stephen	WR-KR	5-10	172	7/30/61	3	McNeese State
30	Tatupu, Mosi	RB	6-0	227	4/26/55	8	USC
99	Thomas, Ben	DE	6-4	280	7/2/61	R	Auburn
56	Tippett, Andre	LB	6-3	241	12/27/59	4	Iowa
60	Veris, Garin	DE	6-4	255	2/27/63	R	Stanford
24	Weathers, Robert	RB	6-2	222	9/13/60	4	Arizona State
54	Williams, Ed	LB	6-4	244	8/9/61	2	Texas
72	Williams, Lester	NT	6-3	272	1/19/59	4	Miami
61	Wooten, Ron	G	6-4	273	6/28/59	4	North Carolina

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THREE-DEEP LINEUPS

OFFENSE			
WR	**—86 Stanley Morgan**	83 Cedric Jones	
LT	**—76 Brian Holloway**	70 Art Plunkett	67 Steve Moore
LG	**—73 John Hannah**	75 Guy Morriss	
C	**—58 Pete Brock**	75 Guy Morriss	
RG	**—61 Ron Wooten**	66 Paul Fairchild	
RT	**—67 Steve Moore**	70 Art Plunkett	
TE	**—87 Lin Dawson**	88 Derrick Ramsey	
WR	**—81 Stephen Starring**	27 Greg Hawthorne	
QB	**—11 Tony Eason**	14 Steve Grogan	12 Tom Ramsey
RB	**—32 Craig James**	30 Mosi Tatupu	
RB	**—33 Tony Collins**	24 Robert Weathers	
DEFENSE			
LE	**—60 Garin Veris**	92 Smiley Creswell	
NT	**—72 Lester Williams**	98 Dennis Owens	
RE	**—85 Julius Adams**	99 Ben Thomas	
LOLB	**—56 Andre Tippett**	54 Ed Williams	
LILB	**—57 Steve Nelson**	95 Ed Reynolds	
RILB	**—50 Larry McGrew**	52 Johnny Rembert	
ROLB	**—55 Don Blackmon**	51 Brian Ingram	
LCB	**—42 Ronnie Lippett**	23 Rod McSwain	
RCB	**—26 Raymond Clayborn**	43 Ernest Gibson	
SS	**—38 Roland James**	28 Jim Bowman	
FS	**—31 Fred Marion**	28 Jim Bowman	
SPECIALISTS			
P	**— 3 Rich Camarillo**	1 Tony Franklin	32 Craig James
K	**— 1 Tony Franklin**	3 Rich Camarillo	
H	**—11 Tony Eason**	12 Tom Ramsey	
PC	**—75 Guy Morriss**	61 Ron Wooten	52 Johnny Rembert
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81	Stephen Starring	WR
11	Tony Eason	QB
32	Craig James	RB
33	Tony Collins	RB

DEFENSE

60	Garin Veris	LE
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85	Julius Adams	RE
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PATRIOTS NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	Tony Franklin	K	57	Steve Nelson	LB
3	Rich Camarillo	P	58	Pete Brock	C
11	Tony Eason	QB	60	Garin Veris	DE
12	Tom Ramsey	QB	61	Ron Wooten	G
14	Steve Grogan	QB	66	Paul Fairchild	G
23	Rod McSwain	CB	67	Steve Moore	T
24	Robert Weathers	RB	70	Art Plunkett	T
26	Raymond Clayborn	CB	72	Lester Williams	NT
27	Greg Hawthorne	WR-RB	73	John Hannah	G
28	Jim Bowman	S	75	Guy Morriss	C-G
30	Mosi Tatupu	RB	76	Brian Holloway	T
31	Fred Marion	S	80	Irving Fryar	WR-KR
32	Craig James	RB	81	Stephen Starring	WR-KR
33	Tony Collins	RB	83	Cedric Jones	WR
38	Roland James	S	85	Julius Adams	DE
42	Ronnie Lippett	CB	86	Stanley Morgan	WR
43	Ernest Gibson	CB	87	Lin Dawson	TE
50	Larry McGrew	LB	88	Derrick Ramsey	TE
51	Brian Ingram	LB	92	Smiley Creswell	DE
52	Johnny Rembert	LB	95	Ed Reynolds	LB
54	Ed Williams	LB	98	Dennis Owens	NT
55	Don Blackmon	LB	99	Ben Thomas	DE
56	Andre Tippett	LB			

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OFFENSE

83	Willie Gault	WR
74	Jim Covert	LT
62	Mark Bortz	LG
63	Jay Hilgenberg	C
57	Tom Thayer	RG
78	Keith Van Horne	RT
87	Emery Moorehead	TE
85	Dennis McKinnon	WR
9	Jim McMahon	QB
26	Matt Suhey	RB
34	Walter Payton	RB

DEFENSE

99	Dan Hampton	LE
76	Steve McMichael	LT
72	William Perry	RT
95	Richard Dent	RE
55	Otis Wilson	LLB
50	Mike Singletary	MLB
58	Wilber Marshall	RLB
27	Mike Richardson	LCB
21	Leslie Frazier	RCB
22	Dave Duerson	SS
45	Gary Fencik	FS

BEARS NUMERICAL ROSTER

4	Steve Fuller	QB	58	Wilber Marshall	LB
6	Kevin Butler	K	59	Ron Rivera	LB
8	Maury Buford	P	60	Tom Andrews	C
9	Jim McMahon	QB	62	Mark Bortz	G
18	Mike Tomczak	QB	63	Jay Hilgenberg	C
20	Thomas Sanders	RB	70	Henry Waechter	DT
21	Leslie Frazier	CB	71	Andy Frederick	T
22	Dave Duerson	S	72	William Perry	DT
23	Shaun Gayle	CB	73	Mike Hartenstine	DE
26	Matt Suhey	RB	74	Jim Covert	T
27	Mike Richardson	CB	75	Stefan Humphries	G
29	Dennis Gentry	RB	76	Steve McMichael	DT
31	Ken Taylor	CB	78	Keith Van Horne	T
33	Calvin Thomas	RB	80	Tim Wrightman	TE
34	Walter Payton	RB	82	Ken Margerum	WR
45	Gary Fencik	S	83	Willie Gault	WR
48	Reggie Phillips	CB	85	Dennis McKinnon	WR
50	Mike Singletary	LB	87	Emery Moorehead	TE
51	Jim Morrissey	LB	89	Keith Ortego	WR
52	Cliff Thrift	LB	95	Richard Dent	DE
54	Brian Cabral	LB	98	Tyrone Keys	DE
55	Otis Wilson	LB	99	Dan Hampton	DE-DT
57	Tom Thayer	G-C			

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	NFL Exp.	College
60	Andrews, Tom	C	6-4	267	1/21/61	2	Louisville
62	Bortz, Mark	G	6-6	269	2/12/61	3	Iowa
8	Buford, Maury	P	6-1	191	2/18/60	4	Texas Tech
6	Butler, Kevin	K	6-1	204	7/24/62	R	Georgia
54	Cabral, Brian	LB	6-1	224	6/23/56	7	Colorado
74	Covert, Jim	T	6-4	271	3/22/60	3	Pittsburgh
95	Dent, Richard	DE	6-5	263	12/13/60	3	Tennessee State
22	Duerson, Dave	S	6-1	203	11/28/60	3	Notre Dame
45	Fencik, Gary	S	6-1	196	6/11/54	10	Yale
21	Frazier, Leslie	CB	6-0	187	4/3/59	5	Alcorn State
71	Frederick, Andy	T	6-6	265	7/25/54	9	New Mexico
4	Fuller, Steve	QB	6-4	195	1/5/57	7	Clemson
83	Gault, Willie	WR	6-1	183	9/5/60	3	Tennessee
23	Gayle, Shaun	CB	5-11	193	3/8/62	2	Ohio State
29	Gentry, Dennis	RB	5-8	181	2/10/59	4	Baylor
99	Hampton, Dan	DE-DT	6-5	267	9/19/57	7	Arkansas
73	Hartenstine, Mike	DE	6-3	254	7/27/53	11	Penn State
63	Hilgenberg, Jay	C	6-3	258	3/21/59	5	Iowa
75	Humphries, Stefan	G	6-3	263	1/20/62	2	Michigan
98	Keys, Tyrone	DE	6-7	267	10/24/59	3	Mississippi State
82	Margerum, Ken	WR	6-0	180	10/5/58	4	Stanford
58	Marshall, Wilber	LB	6-1	225	4/18/62	2	Florida
85	McKinnon, Dennis	WR	6-1	185	8/22/61	3	Florida State
9	McMahon, Jim	QB	6-1	190	8/21/59	4	BYU
76	McMichael, Steve	DT	6-2	260	10/17/57	6	Texas
87	Moorehead, Emery	TE	6-2	220	3/22/54	9	Colorado
51	Morrissey, Jim	LB	6-3	215	12/24/62	R	Michigan State
89	Ortego, Keith	WR	6-0	180	8/30/63	R	McNeese State
34	Payton, Walter	RB	5-10	202	7/25/54	11	Jackson State
72	Perry, William	DT	6-2	308	12/16/62	R	Clemson
48	Phillips, Reggie	CB	5-10	170	12/12/60	R	SMU
27	Richardson, Mike	CB	6-0	188	5/23/61	3	Arizona State
59	Rivera, Ron	LB	6-3	239	1/7/62	2	California
20	Sanders, Thomas	RB	5-11	203	1/4/62	R	Texas A&M
50	Singletary, Mike	LB	6-0	228	10/9/58	5	Baylor
26	Suhey, Matt	RB	5-11	216	7/7/58	6	Penn State
31	Taylor, Ken	CB	6-1	185	9/2/63	R	Oregon State
57	Thayer, Tom	G-C	6-4	261	8/16/61	R	Notre Dame
33	Thomas, Calvin	RB	5-11	245	1/7/60	4	Illinois
52	Thrift, Cliff	LB	6-1	230	5/3/56	7	East Central Oklahoma
18	Tomczak, Mike	QB	6-1	195	10/23/62	R	Ohio State
78	Van Horne, Keith	T	6-6	280	11/6/57	5	USC
70	Waechter, Henry	DT	6-5	275	2/13/59	4	Nebraska
55	Wilson, Otis	LB	6-2	232	9/15/57	6	Louisville
80	Wrightman, Tim	TE	6-3	237	3/27/60	R	UCLA

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TE	**—87 Emery Moorehead**	80 Tim Wrightman	
WR	**—85 Dennis McKinnon**	82 Ken Margerum	
QB	**—9 Jim McMahon**	4 Steve Fuller	18 Mike Tomczak
RB	**—26 Matt Suhey**	33 Calvin Thomas	
RB	**—34 Walter Payton**	29 Dennis Gentry	20 Thomas Sanders
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LE	**—99 Dan Hampton**	73 Mike Hartenstine	
LT	**—76 Steve McMichael**	72 William Perry	70 Henry Waechter
RT	**—72 William Perry**	99 Dan Hampton	70 Henry Waechter
RE	**—95 Richard Dent**	98 Tyrone Keys	70 Henry Waechter
LLB	**—55 Otis Wilson**	52 Cliff Thrift	59 Ron Rivera
MLB	**—50 Mike Singletary**	52 Cliff Thrift	54 Brian Cabral
RLB	**—58 Wilber Marshall**	59 Ron Rivera	51 Jim Morrissey
LCB	**—27 Mike Richardson**	48 Reggie Phillips	23 Shaun Gayle
RCB	**—21 Leslie Frazier**	31 Ken Taylor	23 Shaun Gayle
SS	**—22 Dave Duerson**	23 Shaun Gayle	
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PR	**—89 Keith Ortego**	31 Ken Taylor	85 Dennis McKinnon
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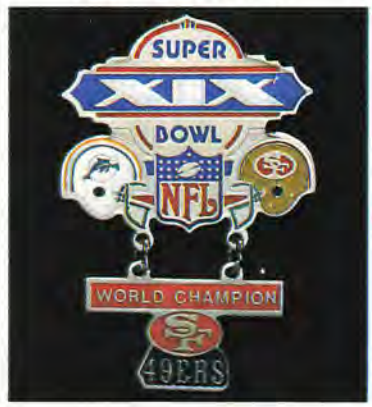

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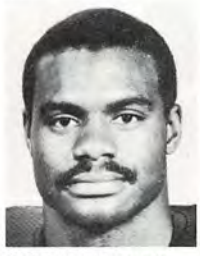

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Running Back

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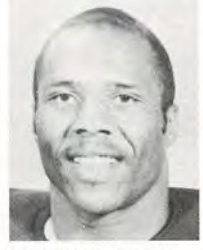
Cornerback



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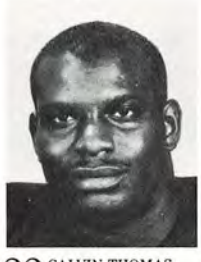

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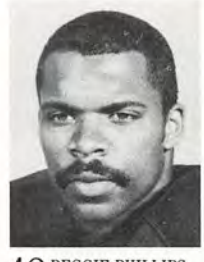

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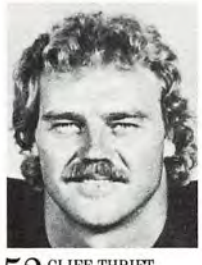

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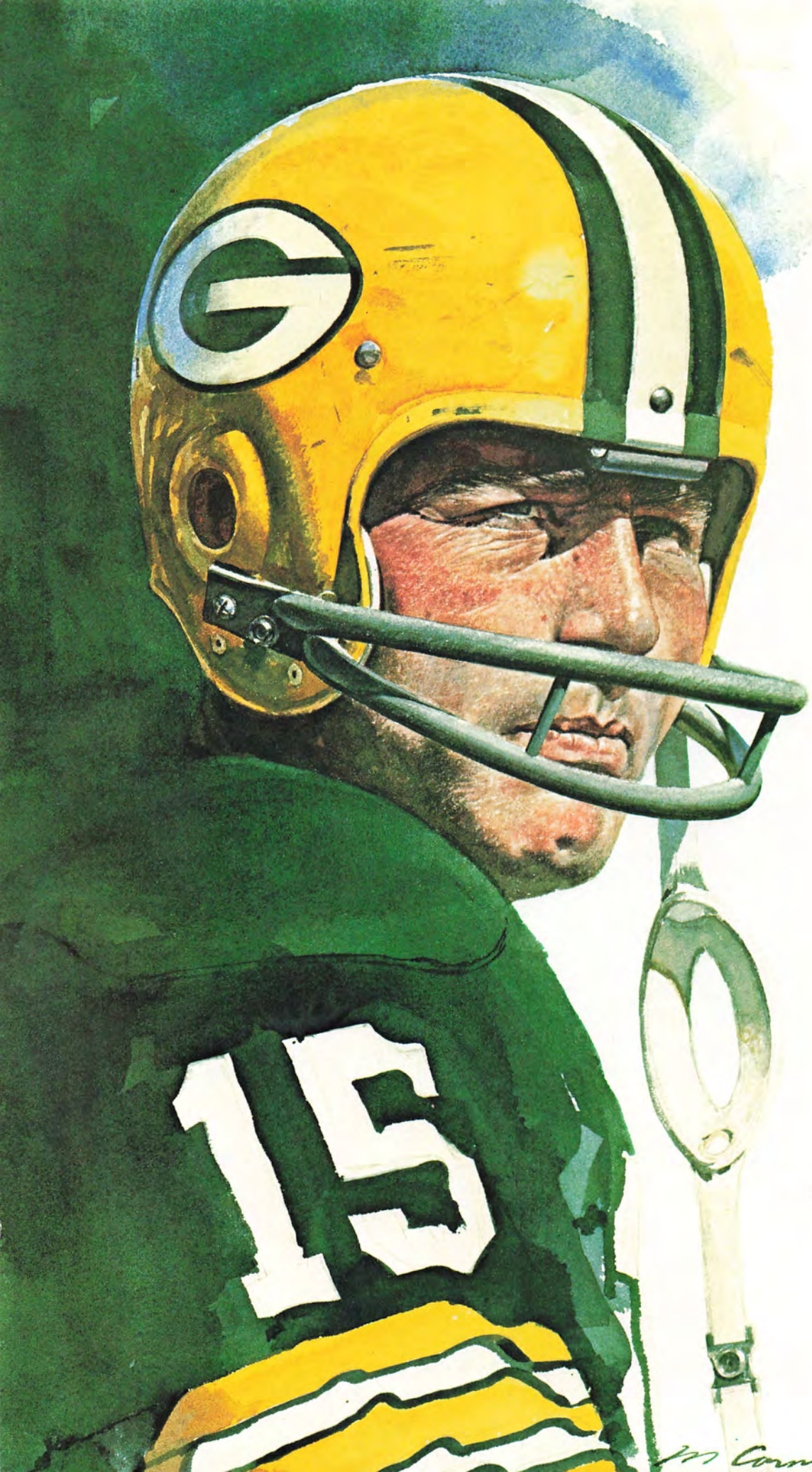

Super Bowls I-II
Bart Starr, Quarterback
Green Bay Packers

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Within weeks after the 49ers put away Miami in Super Bowl XIX, a television commercial appeared that showed Joe Montana, the winning quarterback and the game's most valuable player, with Dan Marino. Montana pumped a few quarters into a machine and handed a can of soda pop to Marino. As they parted company, Marino called out: "Hey, Montana. Next year the drinks are on me."

Not surprisingly, quarterbacks have dominated the Super Bowl most valuable player award, winning 10 times. Three were double winners, Bart Starr and Terry Bradshaw in consecutive years (Starr in Games I and II, Bradshaw in XIII and XIV), and Montana in XVI and XIX. But the voting has not been totally undemocratic; among the award winners are four runners, two wide receivers, and four defensive players. Once it even was won by a member of the losing team, linebacker Chuck Howley of Dallas in Game V.

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AFTER GREEN BAY HAD ERUPTED IN THE second half to win the first Super Bowl 35-10, a Kansas City lineman said: "The only difference I can see between the NFL and the AFL is Bart Starr." Starr burned the Chiefs seven times on third-down plays. One of them went for 37 yards and a first-quarter touchdown to Max McGee, who reached back and speared the ball with one hand. Another set the stage for a 14-yard scoring run by fullback Jim Taylor as the Packers built a 14-10 lead at halftime. Yet another went for a 13-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

The Chiefs covered McGee poorly, or not at all, and Starr took advantage of it.

Starr, out of Alabama, had a knack for making such victories look easier than they were. He often was overshadowed by runners such as Paul Hornung, Taylor, and Elijah Pitts. But it was Starr who made the Packers click, as he did again a year later, in a 33-14 romp over the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl II.

Starr did not have a great day against the Raiders. He didn't need one. His good, solid, steady games were a form of art, and were all the Packers required to put away a physical Oakland team.

The key play came on Green Bay's third possession, after the Packers had settled for two field goals by Don Chandler. Oakland blitzed and Starr picked it up. He spotted Dowler open behind cornerback Kent McCloughan, and unloaded a pass. The play went 62 yards for a touchdown. Green Bay led 13-0. The Raiders rallied, and the Packers led only 16-7 at the half.

But Starr got a lot of help from his friends: Chandler kicked two more field goals, rookie halfback Donny Anderson ran for a score, and the defense provided the last one, a 60-yard interception return by cornerback Herb Adderley. A key play in the third quarter saw Starr fake to fullback Ben Wilson, freezing the defense, then completing a pass to McGee to the

Oakland 25. That drive ended with Anderson's 2-yard touchdown.

The game took on added emotion because it was Vince Lombardi's last as Green Bay's head coach. Starr was low-key and cool, and he understood his coach. He had enormous respect for Lombardi as a teacher and tactician, and played away from his moods. The combination of Lombardi's intensity and Starr's execution won an awful lot of games for the Packers over their nine seasons together.

JOE NAMATH • III

New York Jets 16, Baltimore 7

OF THE FIRST 19 MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS, Namath may be the only one who earned his award at least partly for his performance before the game. And no reference is intended to Namath's disclosure that he stayed in his room on Saturday night...although not necessarily alone. This was the week of Joe Willie Namath, who may have set back clean living and aw-shucks modesty a full generation. The Baltimore Colts were favored by 17 points, with gusts up to 19. In the pregame poll of writers covering the game, one wizard picked the Colts to win 60-0. At an awards banquet in the Miami area, Joe "guaranteed" that the Jets would win. All week he taunted the Colts. He knocked some of their talent in print. He needled roughneck Baltimore defensive end Lou Michaels during a chance meeting in a nightclub. In short, he made them crazy angry.

Only after the fact was it clear what he had done. He knew that some of his teammates were nervous underdogs, privately shaken by the forecasts of their approaching disaster, aware of what had happened to two previous AFL entries. He brashly walked out on a limb to give his teammates a lift and possibly to rattle the opposition.

Once the game started, Namath was more conservative than usual, as if to underscore the acting job he had done. He was technically near-perfect. The Colts rolled their double coverage toward the strongside, toward flanker Don Maynard. Just to keep them in that defense, Namath threw a couple of early bombs to Maynard, who came into the game with a bad thigh. He could run straight ahead but couldn't cut. The Colts never figured it out. So Namath worked the weakside, and George Sauer, the split end, caught eight passes. Fullback Matt Snell ran for 121 yards.

Namath hit 17 of 28 passes for 206 yards and kept the Colts off balance all day. The Jets jumped to a 16-0 lead on a four-yard touchdown run by Snell and Jim Turner's three field goals. Broadway Joe had backed up his words to win the game that would become the most historic of all Super Bowls.

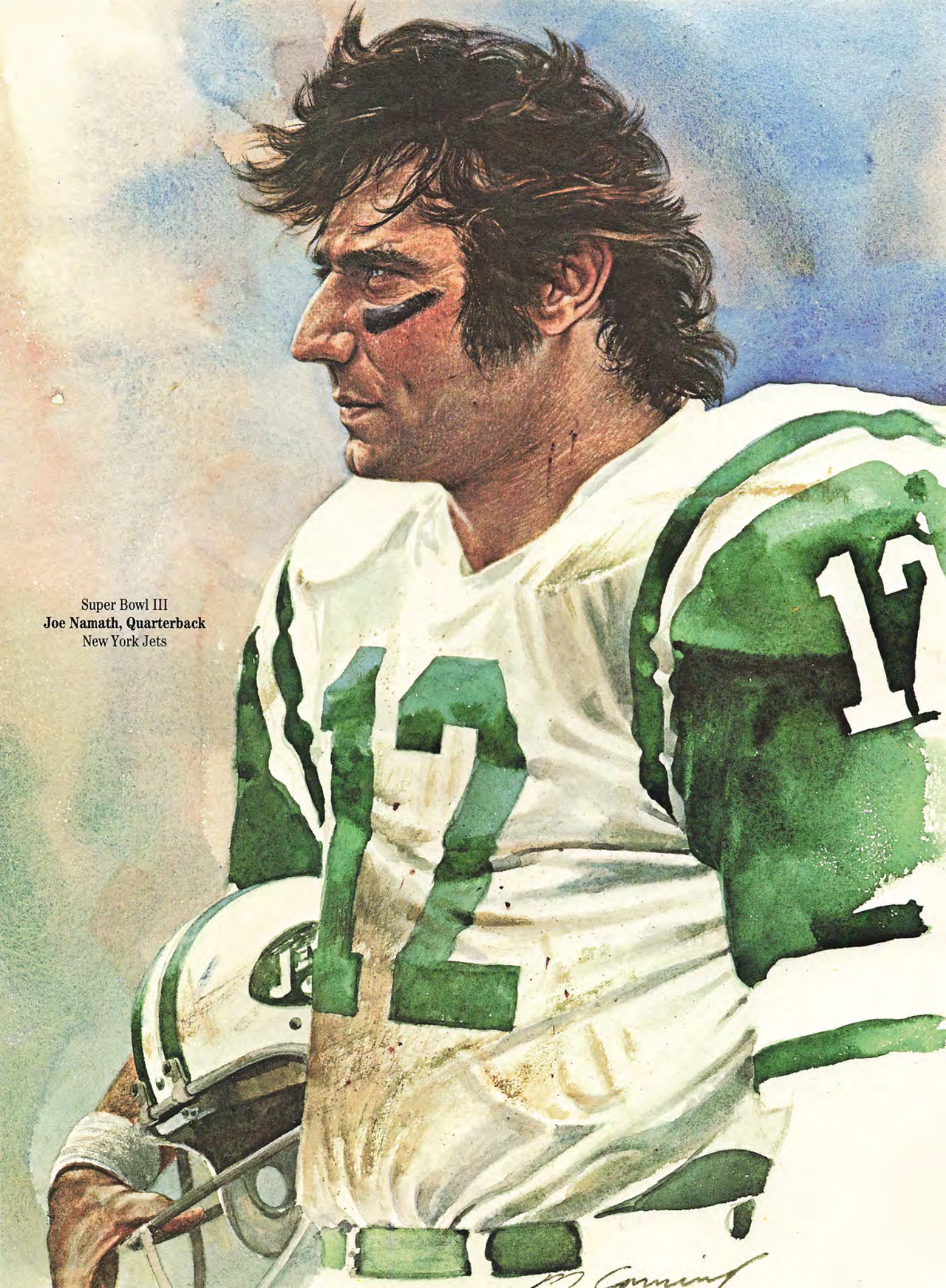
LEN DAWSON • IV

Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7

WOULD HOLLYWOOD HAVE BOUGHT THIS script? With the big game only a week away, a gambling scandal hits the nation's news wires, and linked to it, however thinly or unfairly, is the name of the star quarterback. It has been a hellish year to begin with: His father had died, he injured a hand, and sprained a knee. Sleepless the night before the game, he is fighting off a touch of flu, and exists on a meager diet.

It isn't likely that any player ever led his team to a bigger victory under stranger conditions than Len Dawson. He came through it in style, as Kansas City upset the Minnesota Vikings 23-7, using a multi-faceted offense and rugged, opportunistic defense. Dawson said later he had no problem blocking the rumors out of his mind — he had been dragged into the investigation, it turned out, because of a harmless phone call from a guy who had gotten himself pinched in Detroit. "You sit down with the playbook and the game plan," Dawson said. "You sit there and think about Carl Eller, number eighty-one...Alan Page, number eighty-eight....You got a lot on your mind. You don't need more."

Kansas City's game plan was to throw short, play-action passes and run right at the Vikings, with an occasional end-around to put a chill on their pursuit. A strong but ponderous team, the Vikings were confused by the Chiefs' shifts and feints and intricate formations. Dawson had



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Joe Namath, Quarterback
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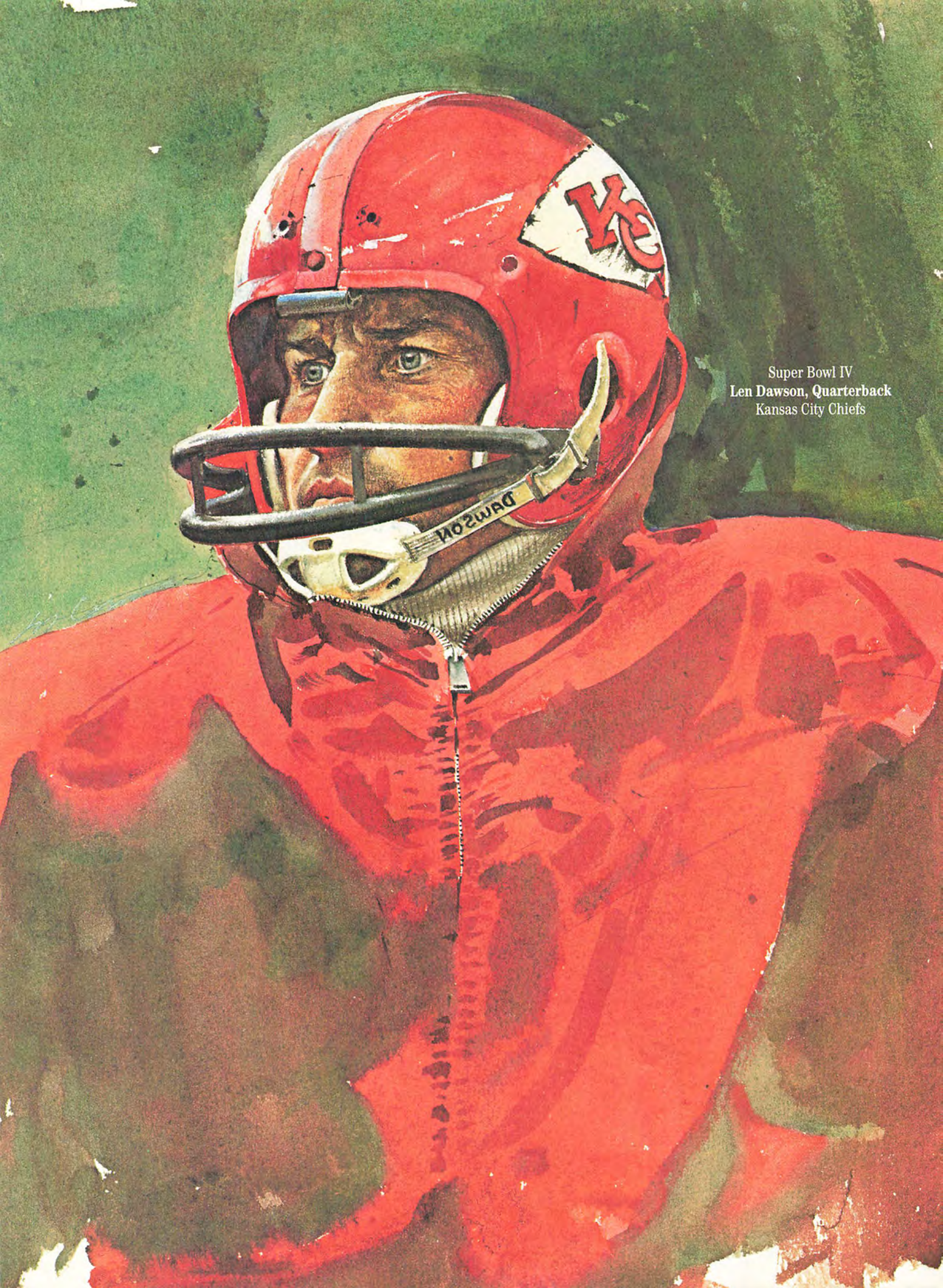

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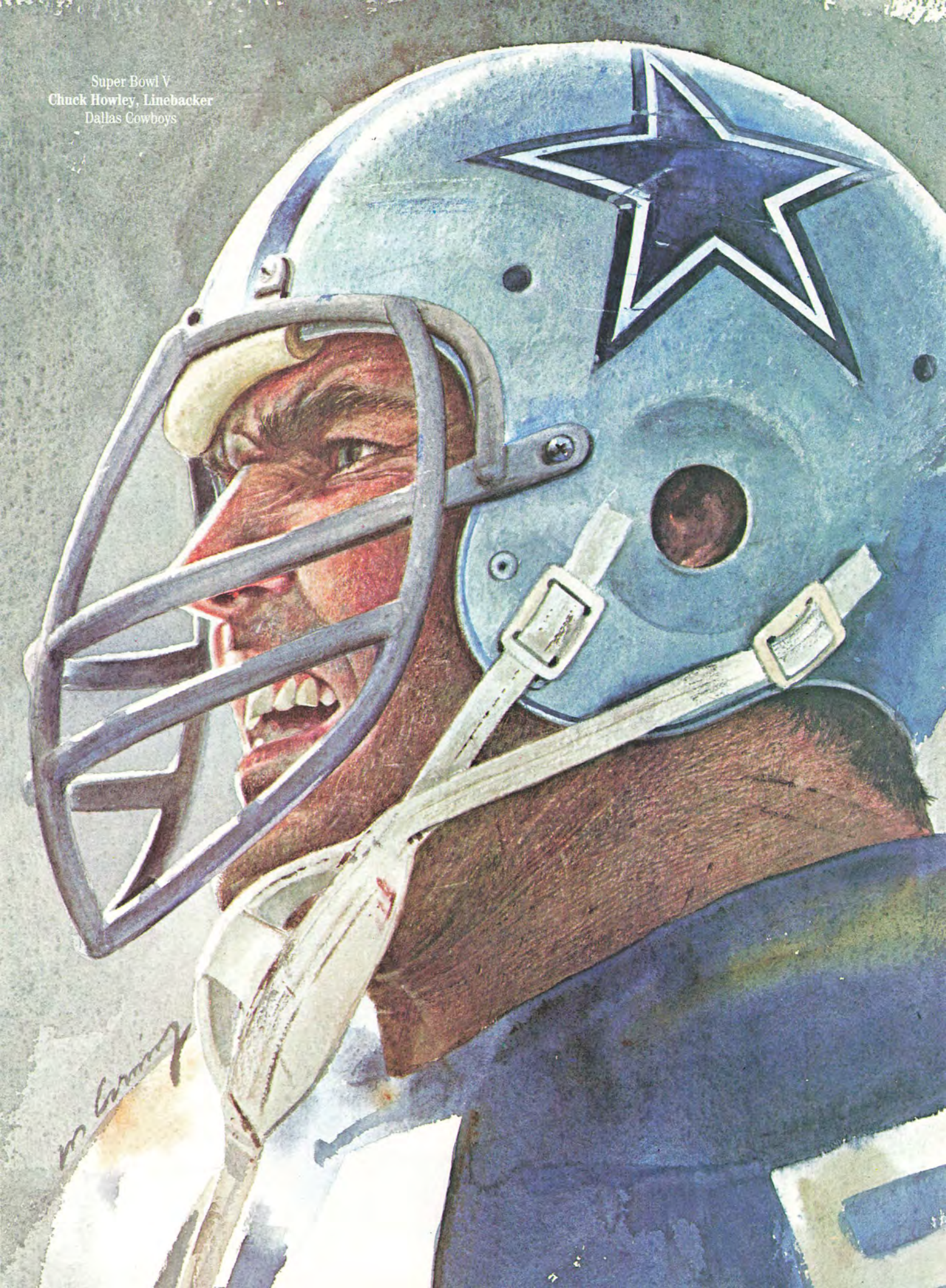
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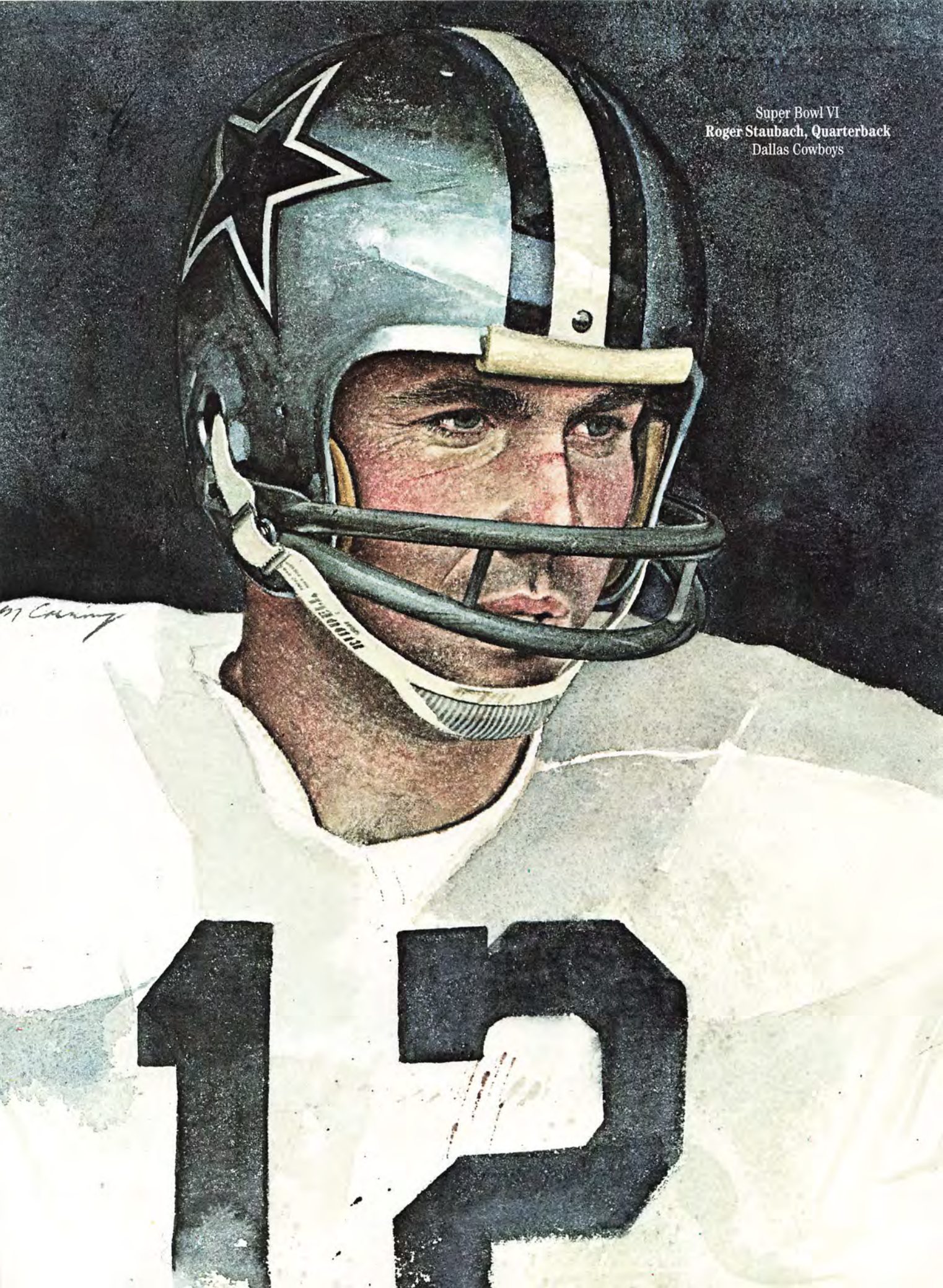
Chuck Howley, Linebacker
Dallas Cowboys


Super Bowl VI
Roger Staubach, Quarterback
Dallas Cowboys
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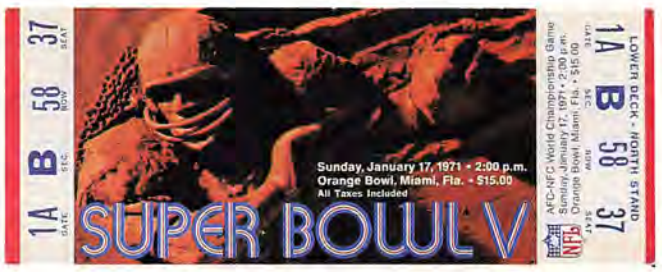
them off balance all day, notably on two touchdown plays, a five-yard run by Mike Garrett and a 46-yard pass to Otis Taylor, and a series of reverses featuring flanker Frank Pitts.

Quarterbacks always are in the spotlight. For Dawson it was more like a searchlight. Asked what he did to combat the pressure, he replied: "We just now got through combating it. We won the game."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CHUCK HOWLEY • V

Baltimore 16, Dallas 13

THEY CALLED IT "THE STUPOR BOWL" AND "The Blooper Bowl," and only a 32-yard field goal with five seconds left by Baltimore's rookie kicker, Jim O'Brien, kept the game from going into overtime and what the cynics said would be "lingering death." What it was, was a day when the defense never rested, a fact reflected by the selection of linebacker Chuck Howley as the MVP.

Then in his twelfth year with the Dallas Cowboys, Howley became the first, and so far the only, member of a losing team to be so honored. Winning may be everything, but sometimes a superb effort in defeat cannot be ignored.

In a sense, Howley—who intercepted two passes to stop two drives—redefined what the award means. It recognizes a game-long performance more than the one play or one kick that may have decided it.

This one was a slugfest that produced 11 turnovers—six interceptions and five fumbles lost. While the Colts won 16-13, the game might not have been close if it hadn't been for Howley's resistance. In the first half, the Colts couldn't go two yards for a touchdown in four tries, failing on fourth down as tight end Tom Mitchell tripped trying to avoid Howley.

Howley was unavoidable all day. On the first play of the fourth quarter, he intercepted Earl Morrall's pass in the end zone after the Colts had driven to a first down at the Dallas 11.

In keeping with the spirit of the day, interceptions set up one Baltimore touchdown plus the winning field goal. Earlier, O'Brien had missed an extra point. The Colts rushed for only 69 yards against the Cowboys' Flex defense.

As the MVP in a game his team lost, Howley emerged with mixed feelings, not unlike the golfer who sinks a hole-in-one to break 100. His was still the story of a remarkable comeback. A first-round pick of the Chicago Bears in 1958, he was cut two years later, and was back home in West Virginia, pumping gasoline, when the Cowboys claimed him in the expansion draft. Now, at 34, he had been named to the Pro Bowl six times. Of his Super Bowl most valuable player trophy, Howley said, staying very much in character: "Trophies and winning go hand-in-hand. I wish it could have been the world championship."

ROGER STAUBACH • VI

Dallas 24, Miami 3

THE COWBOYS ANSWERED THE QUESTION that had stuck in their throats like a chicken bone: Would they ever win a big one? They did, stifling Miami 24-3, as Roger Staubach came back from a shaky start to pass for two touchdowns.

Of the first seven passes Dallas called, Staubach completed one for five yards, overthrew another, and five times failed to get the ball off, running instead. But the ex-Midshipman settled down in the second quarter. With the Cowboys leading by three, Staubach took them 76 yards to their first touchdown. On third-and-nine at his own 47, he hit Lance Alworth over the middle for 21 yards. He went to Alworth again from the 7 for the score.

On Dallas's second touchdown, early in the third quarter, Staubach called an audible, a weakside slant by Duane Thomas from the 3. For the last touchdown, in the fourth quarter, he picked out a secondary receiver, tight end Mike Ditka, alone in the end zone for a seven-yard score. It was a nice display of how many ways Staubach could outwit a defense.

Staubach, who missed part of one series after being knocked out in the second half, threw only 19 passes, completing 12. He kept the Cowboys on the ground much of the day as Thomas, Walt Garrison, and Calvin Hill aver-

aged five yards a carry. By controlling the ball, they were able to limit Larry Csonka and Jim Kiick to a total of 80 yards.

The victory was the tenth in a row for Staubach as a starter. He had replaced Craig Morton, the Cowboys' quarterback in Super Bowl V. Having reached pro football's pinnacle, he reinforced his image as a straight arrow, a family man, Every Mother's Son, by requesting a station wagon instead of the sports car usually given the game's most valuable player.

JAKE SCOTT • VII

Miami 14, Washington 7

ANGULAR, BALDING JAKE SCOTT, AN UNlikely bionic man, intercepted two passes and emerged as a bona fide star of Miami's No-Name Defense. With Scott as the catalyst, the Dolphins shut down the Redskins' offense to become the first NFL team to run the table, winning 17 games in an unbeaten season.

The 188-pound safety had separated a shoulder two weeks earlier. Even at his peak condition, Scott played with five metal pins in his hand and an artificial bone in one arm. He had gone skiing the previous winter with casts on both wrists, the result of offseason surgery.

This time Scott was the surgeon. He stopped one Washington drive in the second quarter, batting the ball in the air and catching it one-handed as he fell to the ground near midfield. That one helped protect a 7-0 lead. In the fourth quarter, with the Redskins trying to get back into the game, Billy Kilmer spotted Charley Taylor in the end zone. But Scott cut in front of him, intercepted, and ran the ball back 55 yards.

There still was a thrill in the offing, however. The Dolphins moved into field-goal range, whereupon Garo Yepremian had his kick blocked, retrieved the ball, and tried to pass it. Later, Yepremian confessed that his mind went blank. However, it seemed obvious that he was thinking quite sharply, and had in mind one thought: not to have the ball on his person when the Redskins arrived. The ball slipped crazily off his fingertips and into the arms of Redskins safety Mike Bass, who ran 49 yards to score.

In the long shadow of time, Yepremian's folly has become more famous than the two interceptions Scott ran back for 63 yards. But Scott's name is among the Super Bowl elite, and he rates high in the fellowship of pain. "If you're not hurt," he said, "you haven't been playing."

LARRY CSONKA • VIII

Miami 24, Minnesota 7

ZONK. THE VERY NAME SUGGESTS BRUTE power, sounding like something a karate expert grunts as he breaks a stack of bricks. With Csonka, his big fullback, gaining 145 yards on 33 carries, quarterback Bob Griese had to put the ball in the air only seven times (completing six), and Miami coasted over Minnesota 24-7.

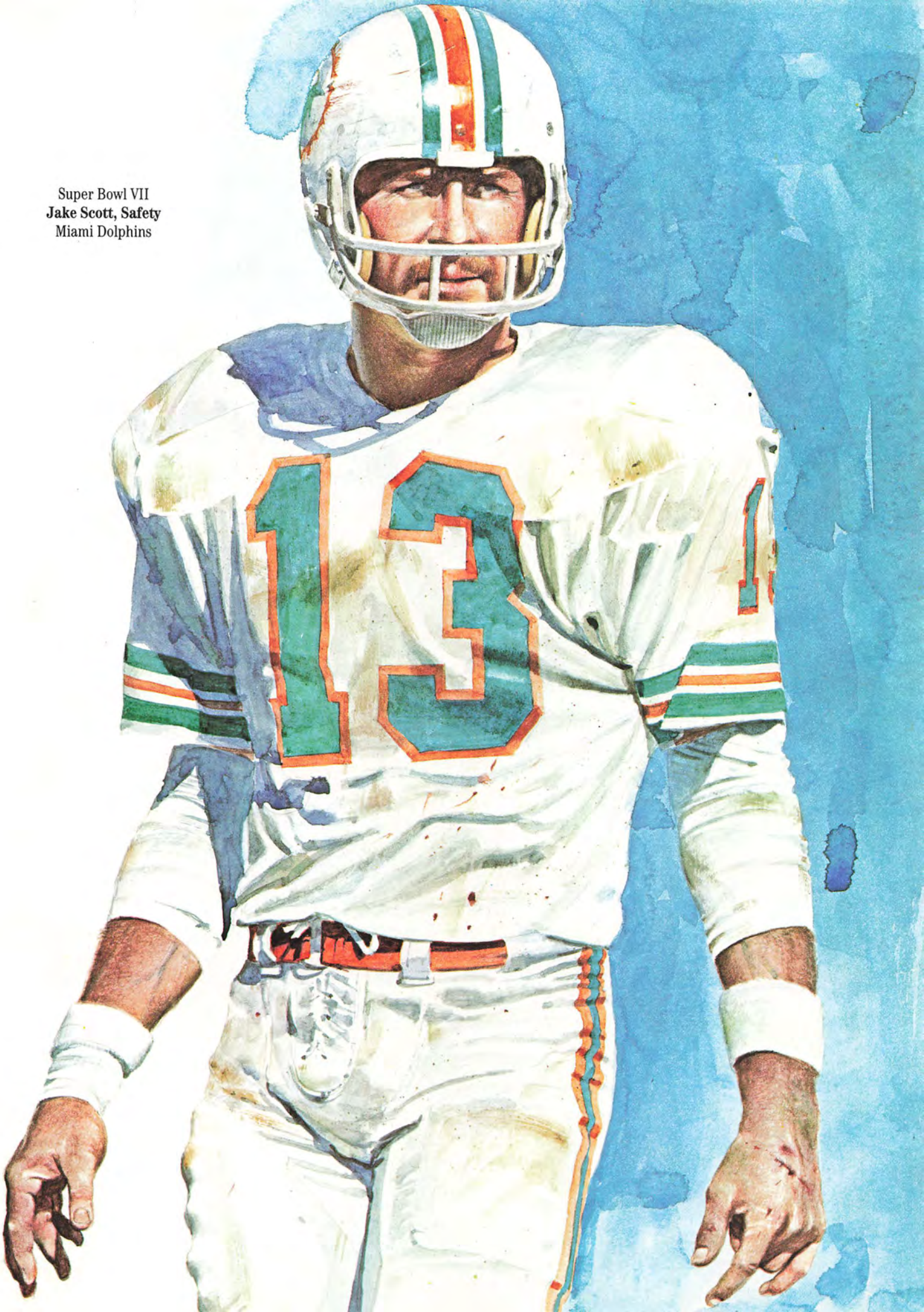
If any one player ever dominated a Super Bowl, it was Csonka on a foggy day in Houston's Rice Stadium. The Dolphins' first two possessions used up almost the entire first quarter with a pair of 10-play drives. Minnesota ran a total of three plays and a punt in between.

Csonka came at the Vikings like a pneumatic hammer. The Dolphins took the kickoff. Csonka pounded the middle for 2 yards, 16, 5, 8, 5. Touchdown. On their next possession, Csonka went 8, 12, 8. On the tenth play, Csonka's running mate, Jim Kiick, scored from the one.

Csonka scored again in the third quarter, from the 2. He made the Vikings look helpless. At the end of the game, Csonka had a black eye and a swollen nose. "It was a cheap shot," he said, "but an honest cheap shot." He seemed to admire the blow, artistically.

The Dolphins raced to a 17-0 lead at the half, and even some of their mistakes turned out well. Jake Scott fumbled a punt and had it bounce right back to him as though on a string. And then, in one of the most quoted Super Bowl anecdotes, Griese forgot the snap count and asked for help from Csonka, who told him it was two. The ball came up on one. Naturally, the play went for Csonka's second touchdown.

"It's not the collision that gets you," said Vikings linebacker Jeff Siemon. "It's what happens after you tackle him. His legs are just so strong he keeps moving. He carries you."



Super Bowl VII
Jake Scott, Safety
Miami Dolphins

Super Bowl VIII
Larry Csonka, Fullback
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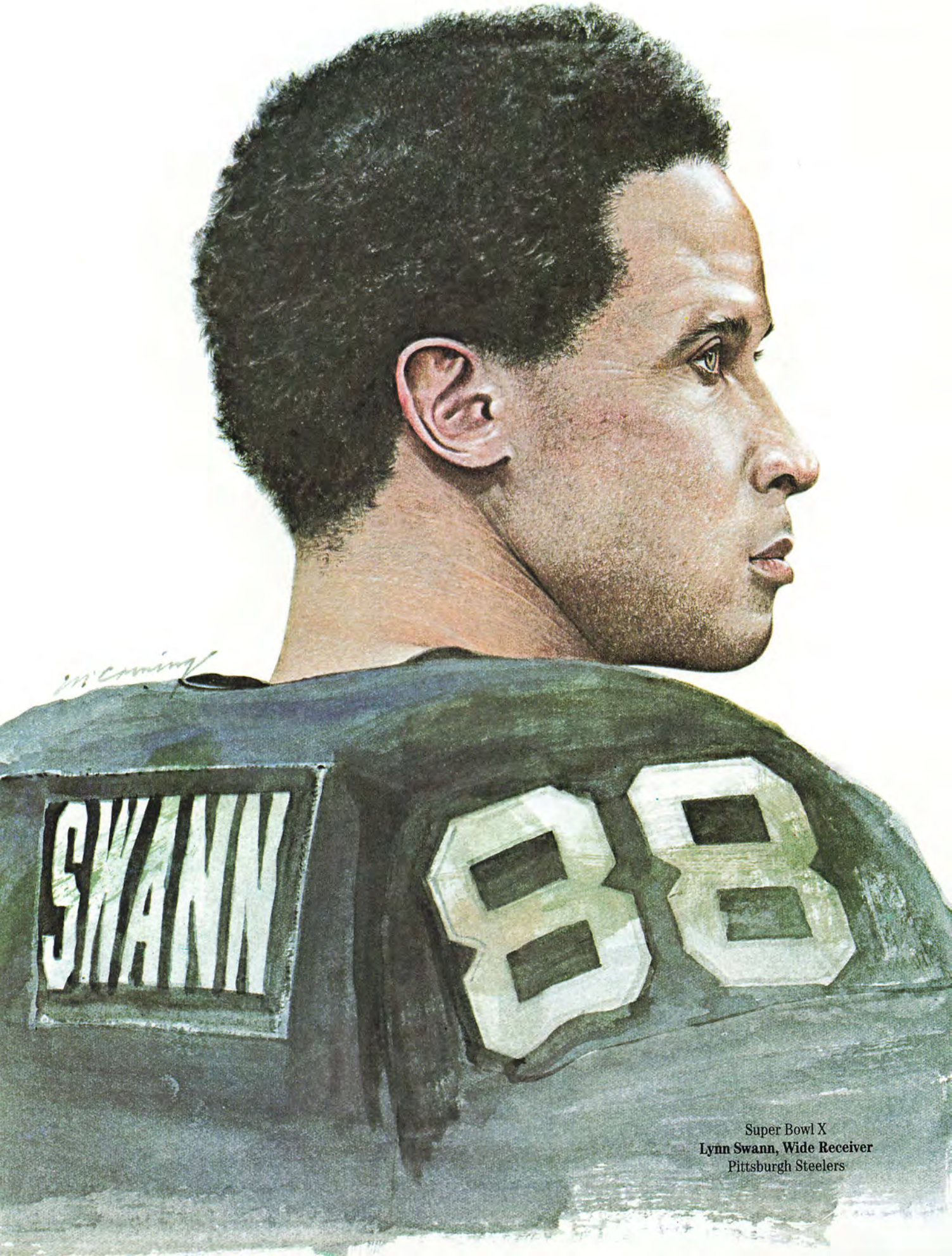
Super Bowl IX
Franco Harris, Running Back
Pittsburgh Steelers



Super Bowl X
Lynn Swann, Wide Receiver
Pittsburgh Steelers

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FRANCO HARRIS • IX

Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6

TIME AND TALENT ALL CAME TOGETHER in the 1974 season for the Steelers. Art Rooney, who had bought the franchise in 1933 for $2,500, had waited all his life for this moment.

In the locker room after Game IX, Rooney gave a cigar to Franco Harris, an endorsement of Harris's selection as the MVP. Harris ran by and around the Minnesota Vikings on his way to a record 158-yard day on 34 carries.

The Pittsburgh defense—the Steel Curtain—produced the game's only points in the first half, as Dwight White tackled quarterback Fran Tarkenton for a safety. "Minnesota was jamming up our trap plays," Harris said later. "At halftime we decided to run more off-tackle, to try to get outside. That's where I gained most of my yardage."

A fumble recovery gave the Steelers the ball at the Vikings' 30, but quarterback Terry Bradshaw had orders to play it close to the vest. So he handed off to Harris, who busted one for 24 yards. Another run lost three, before Harris swept the left side and won the race to the flag.

Then came a critical moment. Protecting that 9-0 lead, Harris fumbled in the fourth quarter. He was trotting off the field, head down, when defensive tackle Joe Greene grabbed him by the shirt. "Don't worry," Greene said. "We'll get it back." And they did.

One of nine children, the son of a wartime marriage between an American army sergeant and an Italian woman, Harris found himself with a fan club that called itself "Franco's Italian Army." It was the start of something super, something that would last the rest of the decade.

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LYNN SWANN • X

Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17

IF HE DIDN'T WIN IT ON COURAGE, HE surely did on class. Lynn Swann had sustained a concussion in the final playoff game, and it was uncertain that he would—or should—play for the Steelers against the Dallas Cowboys.

He played. Oh, how he played! He had four catches for 161 yards, scoring one touchdown and setting up another. Three of his catches were break-out-the-thesaurus variety. The first was a 32-yarder down the sidelines, over the tight coverage of Mark Washington and Cliff Harris. Three plays later, the Steelers scored on a short rollout pass to Randy Grossman.

On Swann's second circus grab, he dived, tipped the ball, did a midair twist, and caught it while on the ground — a 53-yard gain. But his biggest came with barely three minutes to play, when he streaked past the Dallas secondary on a deep post pattern and caught a 64-yard bomb that put the Steelers ahead 21-10.

Pittsburgh held on to win 21-17 in what was then considered the best of all Super Bowls. The game ended with an interception of Roger Staubach's last pass in the end zone.

The week of the game, Swann had worked out lightly, with no contact. "I was pretty fuzzy," he admitted later. "I couldn't catch the ball very well. I had the 'numbs' [of the hands] all week." You tend to doubt that the headache he had going into the game was any worse than the one the Cowboys shared when it was over.

FRED BILETNIKOFF XI

Oakland 32, Minnesota 14

AS ONE OF FOUR SURVIVORS OF THE RAIDERS' loss to Green Bay in the second Super Bowl, no one could have enjoyed their 32-14 romp over Minnesota more than Fred Biletnikoff. Or earned a more honest piece of it.

Three of his receptions set up touchdowns that others scored from two yards or less, a minor frustration for Biletnikoff compared to the one suffered by Minnesota, which fell on its

sword for the fourth time in this event.

The Raiders led by a field goal when Kenny Stabler moved them inside the 10. He rolled out and passed to Biletnikoff, who made a sliding catch at the 1. On the next play, Stabler found Dave Casper in the end zone.

After the Vikings punted, the rogues with the pirate and dagger on their headgear were at it again. Stabler hit Biletnikoff for 17 yards, again to the 1. This time Pete Banaszak took it in, and the Raiders led 16-0.

The same combination paid off once more in the fourth quarter. Banaszak again punched across from the 2 after Stabler had passed to Biletnikoff, who turned the play into a 48-yard completion. A total of four yards had separated the disciplined wide receiver from three touchdowns. He finished with four catches for 79 yards.

Banaszak, guard Gene Upshaw, and cornerback Willie Brown were the other Raiders who had the memory of that Green Bay licking to motivate them.

Not that Biletnikoff needed any prodding. The son of a one-time lightweight boxer, the Florida State product was a self-starter, a driven athlete who once chewed his nails until they bled, gave himself ulcers, and believed he never should drop a ball. Speed was not his finest asset—his teammates joked that he could be timed with an hourglass—but he developed some of the slickest moves the league had seen since Don Hutson and Raymond Berry.

HARVEY MARTIN AND RANDY WHITE • XII

Dallas 27, Denver 10

FOR THE FIRST AND ONLY TIME, CO-WINners of the most valuable player award were announced as Dallas brought Denver to earth 27-10 in the Louisiana Superdome. At the start of the 1977 season, Randy White made the difficult transition from linebacker to defensive right tackle, teaming with end Harvey Martin to put more snap in the Cowboys' unique Flex defense.

The numbers were 79 (Martin) and 54 (White), Too Mean and Too Much, and Denver quarterbacks Craig Morton and Norris Weese had them in their faces all of a long evening. "The plan was to pressure Morton," said Dallas coach Tom Landry. It was not a nice way to treat his former quarterback.

Earlier during Super Bowl week, Dallas safety Cliff Harris had allowed himself a little clairvoyance: "It's a lot different being out there with Harvey Martin breathing down your neck and Randy White tugging on your arm. Your head just bounces off that turf like concrete."

White's speed and power—he bench pressed 500 pounds—made it difficult for the Broncos to double-team Martin or the Cowboys' other all-pro end, Ed (Too Tall) Jones. The Dallas defense forced eight turnovers—four fumbles and four interceptions. On Denver's first possession, White sacked Morton for an 11-yard loss.

Celebrating the corraling of Broncomania, Martin, who had two sacks, declared: "Orange Crush is soda water. The Dallas Cowboys is a football team."

Said Andy Maurer, who played opposite him for Denver: "Martin was great. We were always in a hole, second-and-long or third-and-long. All he had to do was pin his ears back and use every technique in the book on me. I could only keep him out a while. Hey, I was very impressed. I appreciate good play. I hate to give them up, but he was great today."

TERRY BRADSHAW • XIII and XIV

Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31
Pittsburgh 31, Los Angeles 19

TAKING TRADITION IN HIS BIG FARM-BOY hands, Terry Bradshaw completed 17 of 30

Super Bowl XI
Fred Biletnikoff, Wide Receiver
Oakland Raiders

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Randy White, Defensive Tackle
Harvey Martin, Defensive End
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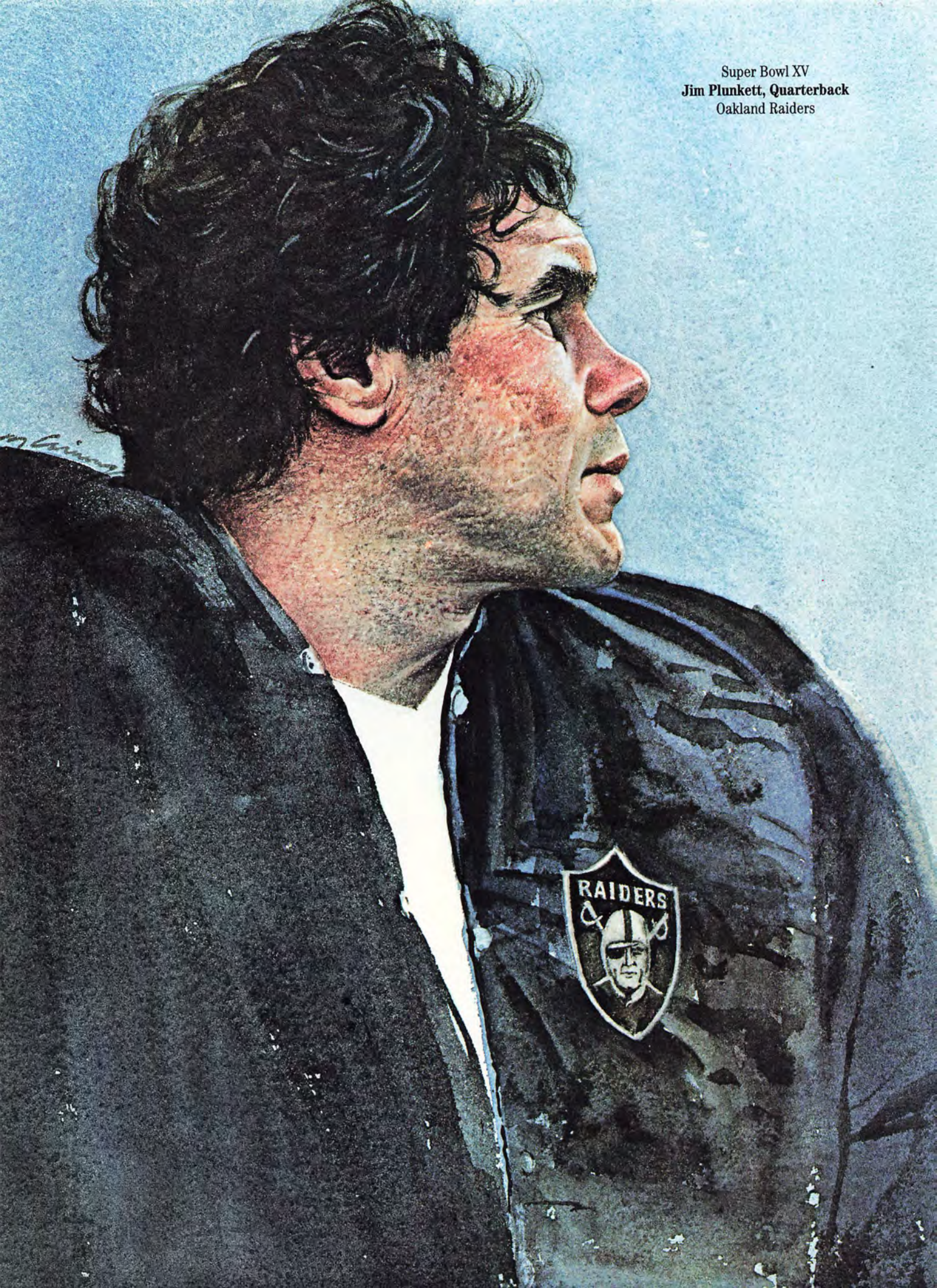

Super Bowl XV
Jim Plunkett, Quarterback
Oakland Raiders

passes for a record 318 yards and four touchdowns in Game XIII. "The thing I didn't want to change was what got me here," Bradshaw said. "That's play-action passes, throwing the ball. I was gonna play my game." It worked for a 35-31 victory over Dallas as the Steelers became the first team to win three Super Bowls.

Barely five minutes into the game, Bradshaw had pump-faked and hit John Stallworth on a streak for 28 yards into the end zone. After Dallas had scored twice, Bradshaw hit Stallworth again, on a short pass and long run that covered 75 yards for the tying touchdown. With 26 seconds left in the half, Bradshaw lobbed a seven-yard scoring pass to Rocky Bleier.

This was the super shootout the fans had been craving. In the fourth quarter, the Steelers led by four, 21-17, when Bradshaw, on third-and-long, sent Franco Harris up the middle for 22 yards and the score. "They blitzed," Bradshaw said, "and that play was designed to beat the blitz."

Terry had no notion of running out the clock. After recovering a Cowboys fumble of the following kickoff, Bradshaw threw to Lynn Swann for 18 yards and a touchdown, making it 35-17. It was a good thing he did, because Dallas stormed back with two late touchdowns.

Bradshaw, who had come into the league in 1970, billed as a kind of Joe Palooka to Joe Namath's Easy Rider, had taken some hazing before the game from the Cowboys about his intellect, in particular from Thomas Henderson, the linebacker known as Hollywood.

When Bradshaw, after the game had ended, said he was nervous as a cat the day before the game, a reporter joked, "Spell cat." The reference was to a pregame remark by Henderson that Bradshaw couldn't spell cat if you spotted him the "C" and the "A".

Bradshaw grinned, canary feathers fluttering from his lips. "Ask Henderson if he thinks I'm dumb now," Terry said.

A year later, against the Rams in Super Bowl XIV, Bradshaw did what great quarterbacks have to do. He showed he could come back. He was intercepted three times, once by safety Dave Elmendorf just before halftime, setting up a field goal that gave the Rams a 13-10 lead.

Early in the third quarter, Bradshaw picked up the blitz, called an audible, and hit Lynn Swann on a post pattern for 47 yards and a score. Bradshaw was buried on the play. "But I heard the crowd yell and they told me Swannie made a helluva catch," he said later.

The Steelers were down 19-17 in the fourth quarter, facing third-and-nine on their own 27, when coach Chuck Noll sent in a play. Bradshaw grimaced. He didn't like the call. In the Steelers' playbook it was identified as "60 Prevent Slot Hook and Go," with Stallworth playing both roles, the hooker and the goer.

"I ran that play in practice eight times," Bradshaw said, "and never could make it go." This time it went. "I just unloaded. They had him double covered, but he went deep and made a great catch." Stallworth took it over his shoulder for 73 yards and a touchdown. It was the seventh and last time the lead had changed hands.

The Steelers went on to a 31-19 victory, their fourth, leaving them in a Super Bowl class all their own.

Few quarterbacks had to overcome more tests than Bradshaw. There was an early complaint that he had too much arm and not enough touch. He also was an upright, clean-cut fellow from the Louisiana Bible Belt, a sharp departure from an earlier Steelers legend, Bobby Layne. In the end, Bradshaw proved that, along with everything else, he also was a winner.

JIM PLUNKETT • XV

Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10

HE COULD FEEL THE PRESSURE AROUND him. The Raiders led by a touchdown, the play was breaking down, and Jim Plunkett was looking for Bob Chandler. "But he was covered," Plunkett said later. "I knew I was running out of time. Then I saw Kenny King wave his arm. He was behind the cornerback. All I did was get the ball over the hands of the man covering Kenny. What a catch he made! Then he outran everybody in the secondary."

The play traveled 80 yards, and Oakland was on its way to a 27-10 victory over the Eagles. It was a key play, the kind, said Plunkett, the Raiders had made all year, turning bad plays into good ones, making chicken salad out of chicken feathers. Plunkett himself was an example of this capacity.

A retread, a castoff from the waiver wire two years earlier, Plunkett got his chance to play after Dan Pastorini went down with a broken leg in the season's fifth game. Plunkett was the sixth quarterback to win the Super Bowl's MVP

award, but the first to come off the scrap heap to do so.

Plunkett passed for 261 yards and three touchdowns, with no interceptions. He showered, dressed, put a gold chain around his neck, and walked into the interview room at the Superdome to meet the press. He approached the platform, missed the first step and tripped, crashing to the floor on his face. It was a colorful entrance, but it was one of the few times he had been down all day.

He still preferred it to the exit he nearly had made. Traded by the Patriots, cut by the 49ers, waived through the NFL, he sat down and thought about quitting. "When you get cut you begin to think," he said. "I did my thinking over a lot of beer. I got pretty low."

Which made the rebound all the higher. "He didn't throw a bad pass all day," said Cliff Branch, who caught two for touchdowns, one that saw him cut in front of the Eagles' Roynell Young at the goal line.

Said Plunkett, "That tells you what kind of year it has been."

JOE MONTANA • XVI

San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21

AS THE SECOND BUS CARRYING PART OF the San Francisco 49ers to the Pontiac Silverdome was snarled in traffic, Joe Montana was plugged into a tape deck. He was listening to a song by Kenny Loggins, "This Is It." Then he played it twice more in the locker room before the 49ers took the field against the Cincinnati Bengals.

In his third year as a pro and his first as his team's full-time starter, Montana discovered that the Super Bowl indeed was it — the real thing. So was Joe. Making the big plays, passing for one touchdown and running for another, he whipped the 49ers in front and kept them there, in spite of a wicked Cincinnati blitz.

San Francisco led 20-0 at halftime as Montana completed 12 of 18 passes to five different receivers. He hit five of his first six passes on the 49ers' first touchdown drive, scoring on a keeper from the 1. An 11-yard pass to running back Earl Cooper produced the next touchdown.

In the second half Montana threw only four times. The Bengals gave little in the way of field position, blitzing the 49ers out of their game plan.

The gap was closed to 20-14 when Montana, a Notre Dame graduate, woke up the echoes one more time. In the fourth quarter, with a second-and-15 at his own 22, he rolled to his right and hit Mike Wilson with a pass near midfield. The 49ers ended the drive with Ray Wersching's third field goal, a 40-yarder. Wersching later added a fourth field goal, from 23 yards.

Montana finished with just 157 yards in the air, on a 14-of-22 day. Statistically, he didn't compare to Cincinnati quarterback Ken Anderson, who hit 25 of 34, both Super Bowl records, for 300 yards; Anderson threw two touchdown passes but was intercepted twice.

What young Joe Montana did best in the second half was mix his plays and avoid the big mistake. Sometimes you win by not losing.

JOHN RIGGINS • XVII

Washington 27, Miami 17

WITH THE REDSKINS TRAILING 17-13 IN THE fourth quarter and facing a fourth-and-one at the Miami 43, the Dolphins knew John Riggins would be carrying the ball. They just didn't know where.

Instead of trying to ram the middle for two yards, Riggins slanted off left end, broke Don McNeal's tackle, and suddenly was in the clear for the touchdown that shook the scoreboard. It was now the 'Skins' game. They went on to win 27-17.

Riggins's touchdown, known as 70-Chip in the Washington playbook, was one they had run all season. "If you went back to our films," he said, "you'd see that we ran it seven, eight times against Dallas. If we can get through the line we can make a big play. I told Joe [Theismann] we were close to breaking it several times."

The run capped a record-setting performance by Riggins, who eclipsed Franco Harris with 38 carries for 166 yards. Asked to describe his big

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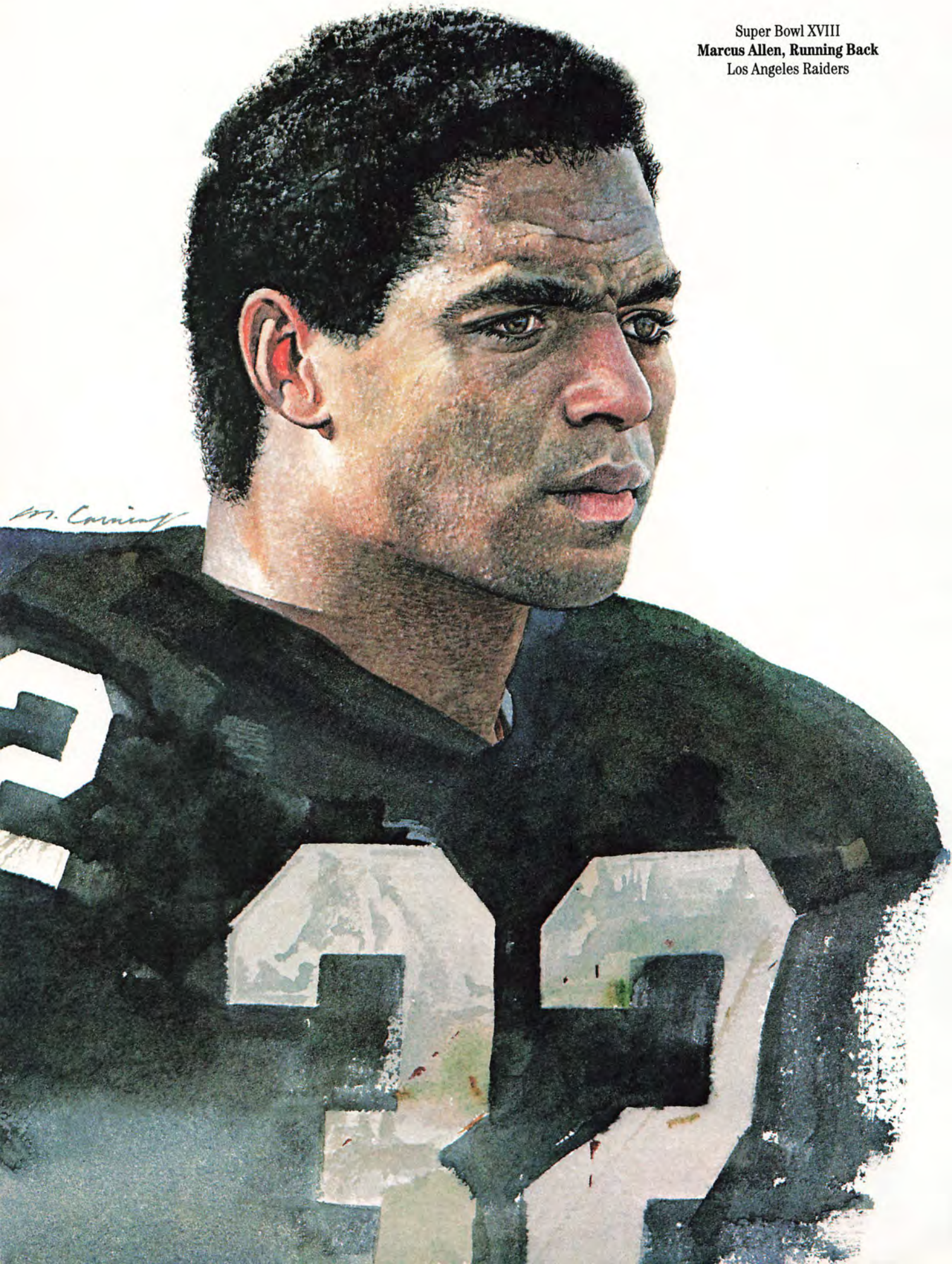
John Riggins, Running Back
Washington Redskins



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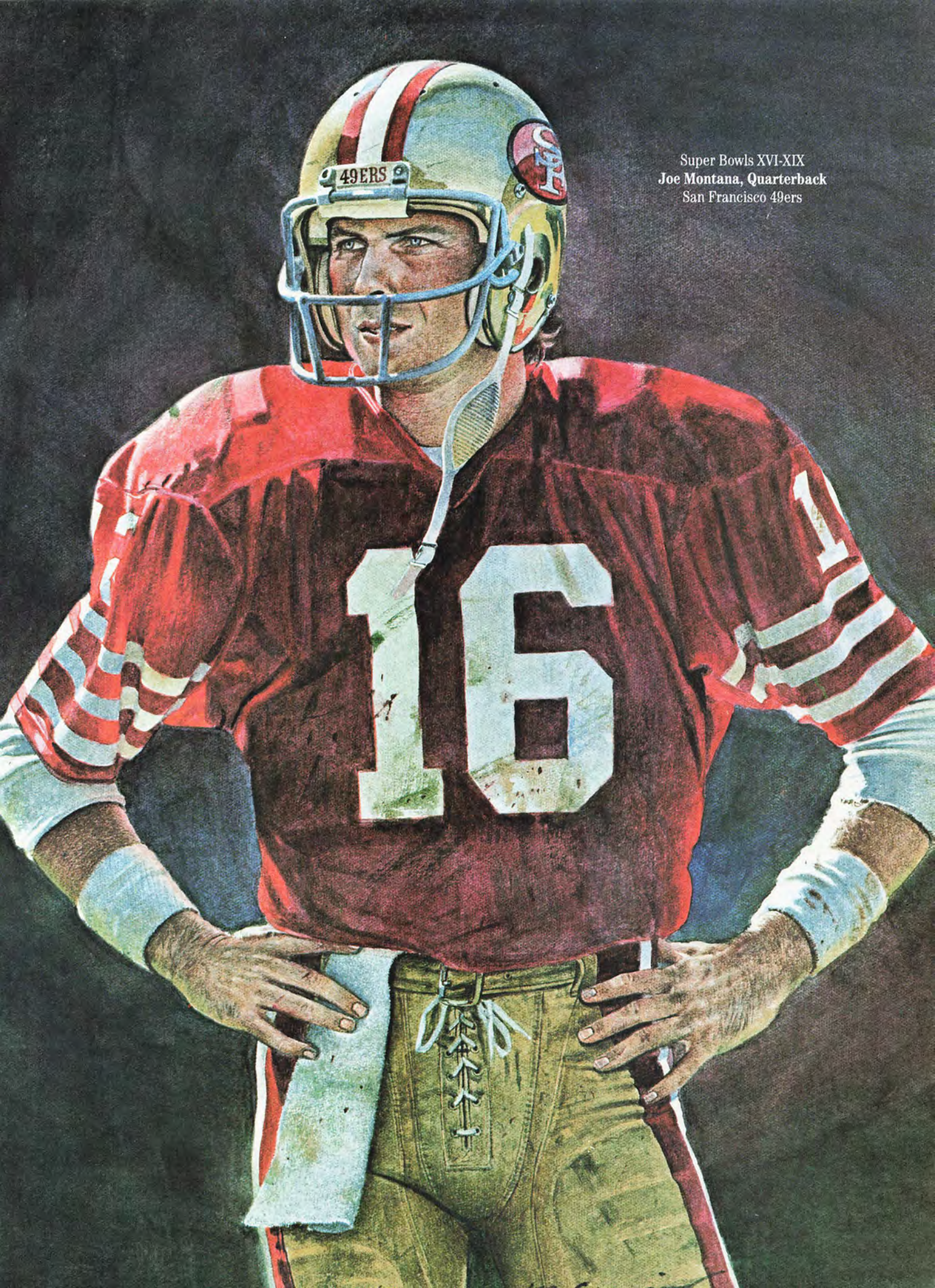

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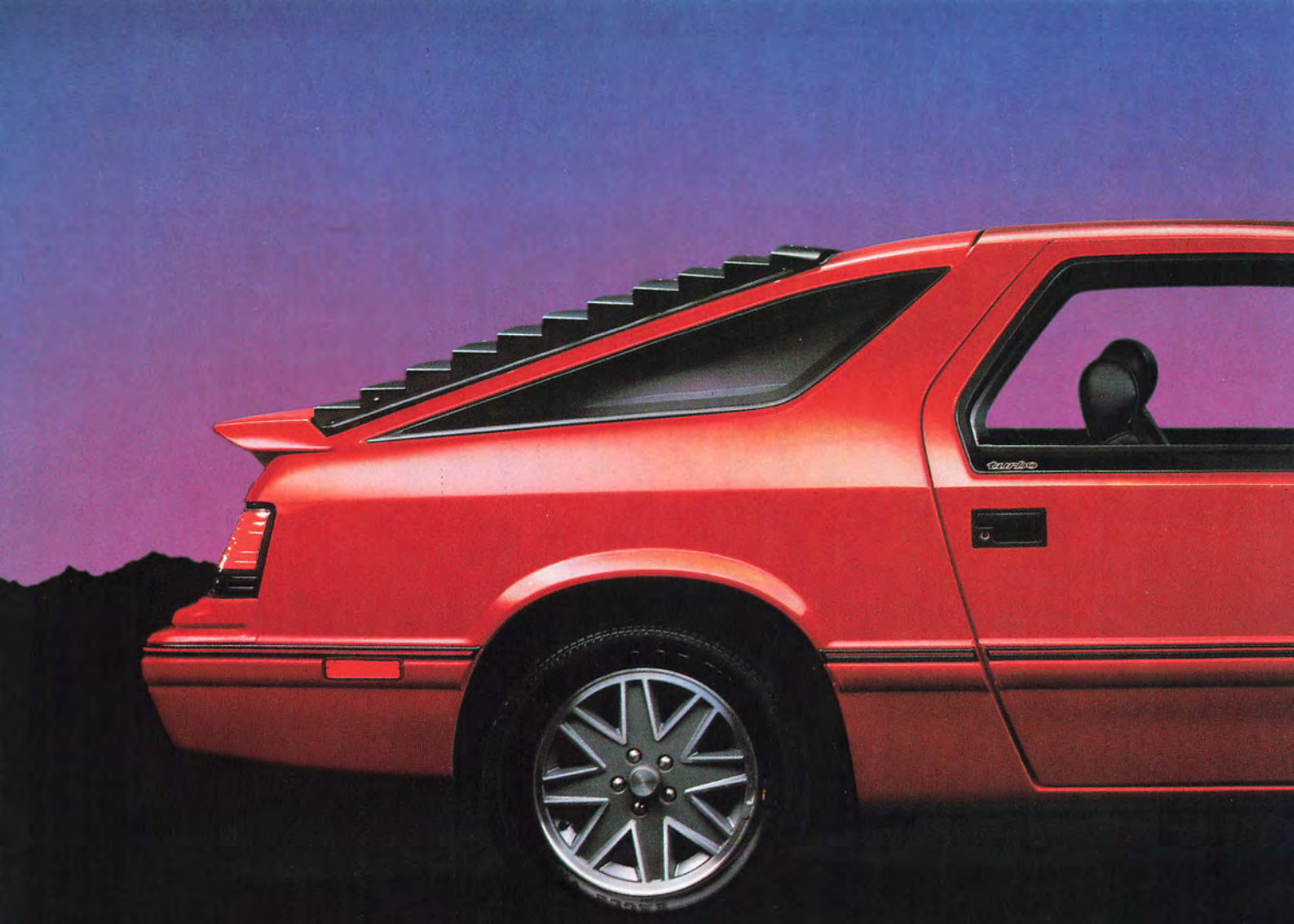

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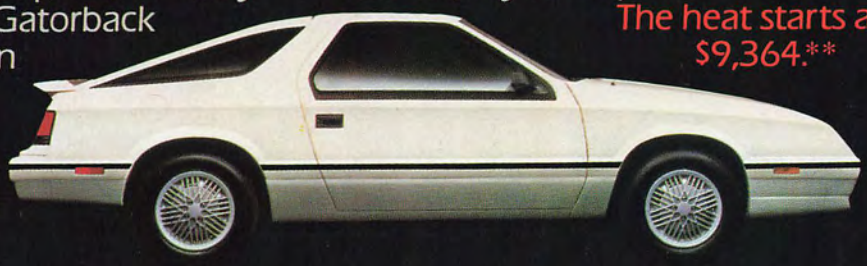

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play, in a day loaded with them, Riggins said: "I guess a guy fell down. Another guy couldn't quite hold on. That's it."

At halftime, he had 17 carries for 58 yards, meaning that most of his work still was ahead of him. It was Riggins and more Riggins as the Redskins kept slashing away. In the final statistics, he ran for 10 yards less than Miami's total yardage.

The burly fullback has been known to run to the beat of a different drummer. In his years with the New York Jets he wore an Afro haircut. Another year he arrived in camp with a Mohawk. Another time he shaved his head. He stayed out of football a full year, in 1980, but a $300,000 contract brought him back. On his return, he said he now saw the game through different eyes. "The eyes of a banker," he said, smiling.

MARCUS ALLEN • XVIII

Los Angeles Raiders 38, Washington 9

THE RAIDERS HAD MOVED FROM OAKLAND to Los Angeles, a distance that must have seemed to the Redskins not much longer than the ground covered by Marcus Allen on 20 carries in Super Bowl XVIII.

The Heisman Trophy winner from USC rushed for 191 yards and scored twice, including one touchdown for 74 yards, as the Raiders trampled the Redskins 38-9. In the regular season, his longest run had been for 19 yards.

Allen's season had started slowly. Pressing to improve on his rookie-of-the-year performance the season before, he lacked patience, outran his blockers, and wanted the ball more often. Allen was told to forget it. He would get his carries.

In the Super Bowl, he gained 95 yards in the third quarter alone. On his long touchdown bolt, a play called 17-Bob-Trail, he did a bit of freelancing. "It was a simple off-tackle play to the left," he said. "I was supposed to cut inside, but the linebacker had the hole covered and the safety came up. I just got a little impatient. I didn't follow the play like I should have. But it worked out. I reversed my field, and I guess the Redskins over-pursued. I had an alley and I took it."

He received almost as much praise for his five-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, a snaking, sideways burst that left several Redskins clutching air. In an interesting piece of casting, John Riggins had to watch while Allen broke his single-game rushing record.

JOE MONTANA • XIX

San Francisco 38, Miami 16

IN WHAT SHAPED UP AS A CLASSIC DUEL with Dan Marino, the new gun in town, Joe Montana proved himself with the kind of game quarterbacks play in their dreams. This time he had the team and the numbers, joining Starr and Bradshaw as double winners of the MVP award.

Montana threw 35 passes and completed 24 for 331 yards against Miami's Killer Bees defense, the most passes a quarterback had attempted in the Super Bowl without an interception. Montana threw for three touchdowns and ran for another, adding 59 yards on five carries. He was sacked only once.

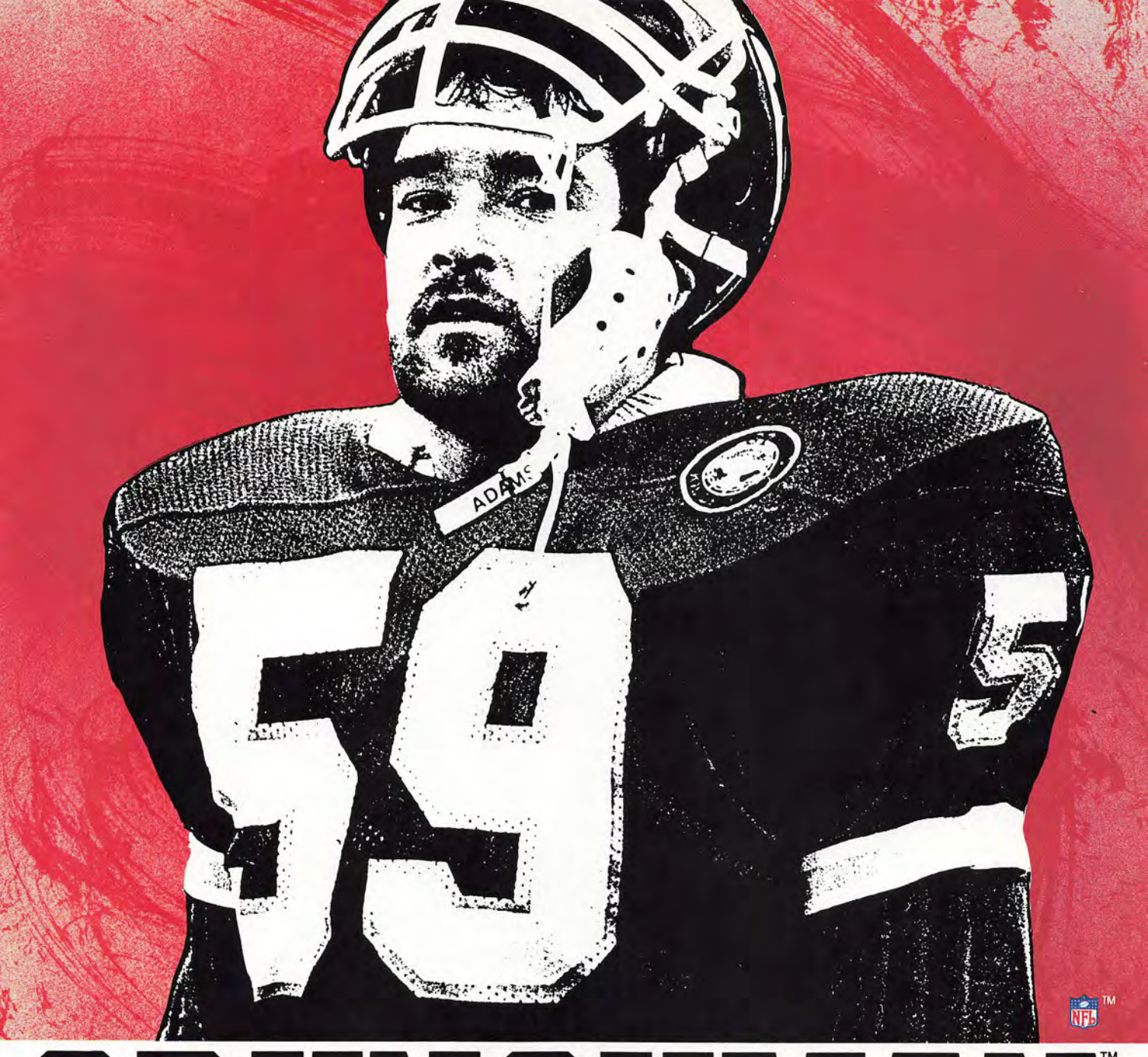
It added up to a 38-16 shellacking of the Dolphins, who put a high priority on keeping Montana in the pocket. They failed. "Every time we did contain Montana," said Miami linebacker A. J. Duhe, "he sort of wiggled around and found some room to do the job."

San Francisco assistant Paul Hackett tried to explain Montana's success: "When he wasn't able to find his primary receiver, he was able to go to his second, third, and sometimes his fourth guy."

Montana connected on a touchdown pass in each of the first three quarters: to reserve running back Carl Monroe from 33 yards out, and to Roger Craig on 8- and 16-yarders. Craig set a Super Bowl record of his own, scoring three touchdowns, the other on a two-yard run.

Marino had established the NFL season record for touchdown passes with 48, but the 49ers sacked him four times and intercepted him twice. He went to the air 50 times, completing 29, but had to settle for just one touchdown.

Miami coach Don Shula paid his respects to Montana: "He's the guy who made it go for them. He beat everything we put against him."



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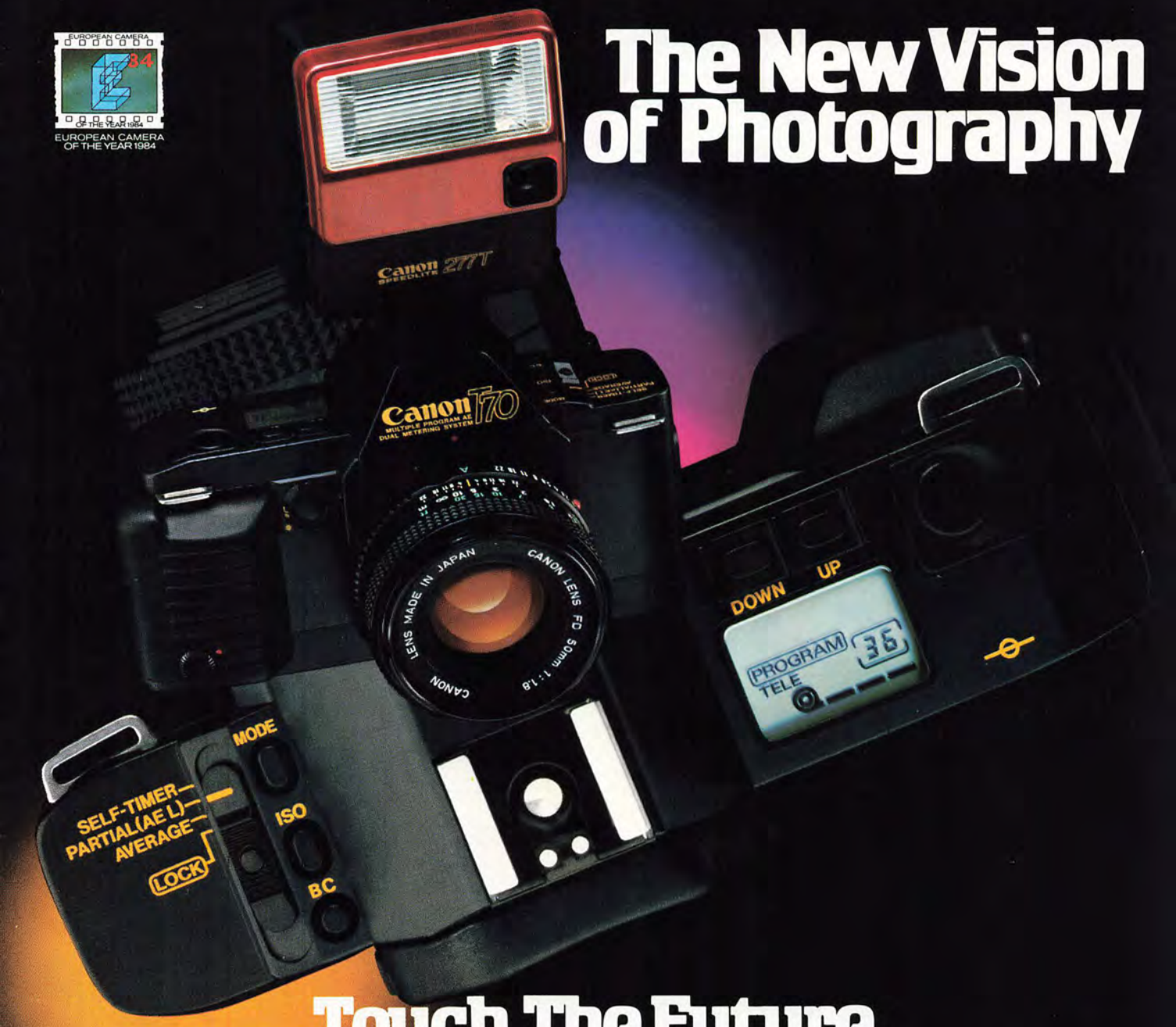

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SEPTEMBER 8

WEEK 1

December 8, 1984. Minnesota at San Francisco. For the Vikings, this was one of those games that jumps out when you first see it on the schedule, way back in the spring. One of those games coaches use to gauge just how good—or bad—their team is. What the Vikings learned on that day fell somewhere between disappointing and downright discouraging. Final score: San Francisco 51, Minnesota 7. The 49ers went on to win Super Bowl XIX; the Vikings went on to finish 3-13.

When the same teams lined up to face each other in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome on opening day of the NFL's sixty-sixth season, the Vikings had made one significant change. They had a new/old coach, Bud Grant, back after a year away from the game.

In the end, the script—and the day—belonged to Grant. Although outgained in total yards, 489-268, the Vikings took advantage of seven turnovers, the last a fumbled kickoff return that resulted in Ted Brown's game-winning 10-yard touchdown run with 1:49 left.

MICHAEL ZAGARIS

The 49ers' Joe Montana (16) found the Vikings' defense "different" than in 1984.

Bud Grant was, indeed, back...and so were the Vikings, 28-21.

"There's no comparison with this year's Vikings and the team we played last year," 49ers guard Randy Cross said when it was over. "They may have a lot of the same guys out there, but it's a different group."

There was another indoor surprise party in the NFL, this one in Houston where the defending AFC-champion Miami Dolphins took on the Oilers, who also had been 3-13 in 1984.

Miami's record-setting quarterback Dan Marino, coming back from a 37-day contract holdout that caused him to miss most of training camp, was benched in the fourth quarter after

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

TONY TOMSIC

BRIAN DRAKE

AFC offense: Mark Malone *NFC offense: Jim McMahon*

AFC OFFENSE—Mark Malone, *quarterback, Pittsburgh Steelers*
Malone tied Terry Bradshaw's club record by passing for five touchdowns as the Steelers routed the Indianapolis Colts 45-3. He also established personal bests for completions (21) and yards (287).

AFC DEFENSE—Steve Brown, *cornerback, Houston Oilers.*
Brown intercepted two of Dan Marino's passes and also made five tackles to help the Oilers upset the Miami Dolphins 26-23.

NFC OFFENSE—Jim McMahon, *quarterback, Chicago Bears*
Appearing in his first game since sustaining a lacerated kidney last November 4 against the Los Angeles Raiders, McMahon directed a second-half rally that helped the Bears to a 38-28 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. McMahon completed 23 of 34 passes for 274 yards and 2 touchdowns, and also scored twice on 1-yard runs.

NFC DEFENSE—Rufus Bess, *cornerback, Minnesota Vikings*
The diminutive Bess (5-9) caused 3 fumbles, made 10 tackles, and intercepted Joe Montana's last pass as the Vikings rallied for 21 points in the fourth quarter to stun the San Francisco 49ers 28-21.

QUOTE:

JIM CHAFFIN

Minnesota Vikings coach **Bud Grant,** asked about his thoughts en route to training camp in Mankato, Minnesota, after a one-year retirement: "I was surprised to see a 7-Up sign on that big barn at the turn of the road. It used to be a Coca-Cola sign. Also, they didn't seem to be making as many repairs on the road."

LOU WITT

Oilers' Woolfolk gains yardage.

throwing no touchdowns and two interceptions. The Oilers scored with 25 seconds left to shock the Dolphins 26-23.

Marino's Houston counterpart, Warren Moon, was superb. He completed 12 of 17 passes for 270 yards, and directed the Oilers' 80-yard winning march.

In Cleveland, the Browns must have wondered whether their recurring nightmare—i.e., the 1984 season—had struck again when Neil O'Donoghue kicked a 35-yard field goal 5:27 into overtime to give the visiting St. Louis Cardinals a 27-24 victory.

Trailing 17-3 with just under 12 minutes to play, the Browns scored three touchdowns to take a 24-17 lead with 38 seconds to go.

But that proved to be just enough time for St. Louis quarterback Neil Lomax to drive the Cardinals 63 yards in four plays; with four seconds remaining, Lomax hit a wide-open Pat Tilley for a touchdown.

It was a bitter defeat for the Browns, who suffered 9 of their 11 losses in 1984 in the final two minutes.

The other AFC Central entry from Ohio, Cincinnati, fell victim to a comeback of another sort.

The host Bengals had defending AFC West champion Seattle down 24-21 in the final period.

That's when running back Curt Warner, who injured a knee in the 1984 season opener and missed the rest of the year, dashed 11 yards for a touchdown and a 28-24 Seahawks victory.

Seattle quarterback Dave Krieg passed for 236 yards and three touchdowns, giving him a streak of at least one scoring pass in 19 consecutive games.

Krieg's favorite target, Steve Largent, caught five passes, extending another streak. Largent now has caught at least one pass in 108 consecutive games, most among active players.

The Meadowlands tenants, the New York Giants and New York Jets, were on opposite ends of the scoring—and sack—spectrums in their openers.

Maybe They Should Be Called the 'Trorams'

GEORGE ROBARGE

Charles White is back.

Los Angeles football fans had seen it many times before. In the locker room after the game, the coach, John Robinson, was as proud as a new papa. "Old Trojans never die," he said with a grin. An Anaheim Stadium crowd had just watched Charles White, who won the Heisman Trophy under Robinson at USC in 1979, rush for 83 yards and the game-winning touchdown on a spinning, skittering 8-yard run with 2:07 to play as the Rams rallied to beat the Denver Broncos 20-16. Only six days earlier, White had been placed on waivers by the Rams. The next day, after going unclaimed by the 27 other teams, White was recalled from waivers and added to the Rams' roster to help fill the void caused by Eric Dickerson's holdout. By Sunday, his five disappointing seasons in Cleveland seemed light years away. "If anyone knows my talent, it's John Robinson," White said. "He never lost confidence in me, and I never lost confidence in myself."

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
New England	1	0	0
Buffalo	0	1	0
Indianapolis	0	1	0
Miami	0	1	0
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0
AFC Central			
Houston	1	0	0
Pittsburgh	1	0	0
Cincinnati	0	1	0
Cleveland	0	1	0
AFC West			
Kansas City	1	0	0
L.A. Raiders	1	0	0
San Diego	1	0	0
Seattle	1	0	0
Denver	0	1	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	1	0	0
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0
St. Louis	1	0	0
Philadelphia	0	1	0
Washington	0	1	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	1	0	0
Detroit	1	0	0
Minnesota	1	0	0
Green Bay	0	1	0
Tampa Bay	0	1	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	1	0	0
Atlanta	0	1	0
New Orleans	0	1	0
San Francisco	0	1	0

SCORES

AFC

Houston 26, Miami 23
L.A. Raiders 31, N.Y. Jets 0
Pittsburgh 45, Indianapolis 3
San Diego 14, Buffalo 9
Seattle 28, Cincinnati 24

NFC

Chicago 38, Tampa Bay 28
Dallas 44, Washington 14
Detroit 28, Atlanta 27
Minnesota 28, San Francisco 21
N.Y. Giants 21, Philadelphia 0

Interconference

Kansas City 47, New Orleans 27
L.A. Rams 20, Denver 16
New England 26, Green Bay 20
St. Louis 27, Cleveland 24 (OT)

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

The Eagles' change: Cunningham (rear) for Jaworski.

The Giants teed off on Philadelphia quarterback Ron Jaworski, sacking him eight times while holding the Eagles to a meager 168 yards in total offense in an easy 21-0 victory.

In Los Angeles, the Jets, minus holdout offensive tackles Marvin Powell and Reggie McElroy, unwittingly unveiled their "silver and black" backfield. Translation: The Raiders picked up almost as many yards (61) on 10 sacks as the Jets did rushing.

On Monday night in Dallas, one of the NFL's fiercest rivalries proved to be no contest.

"It was a hot night [95 degrees on the field], and we were hotter," Dallas coach Tom Landry said after the Cowboys intercepted Joe Theismann five times and pummeled the Washington Redskins 44-14.

Four great Quarters

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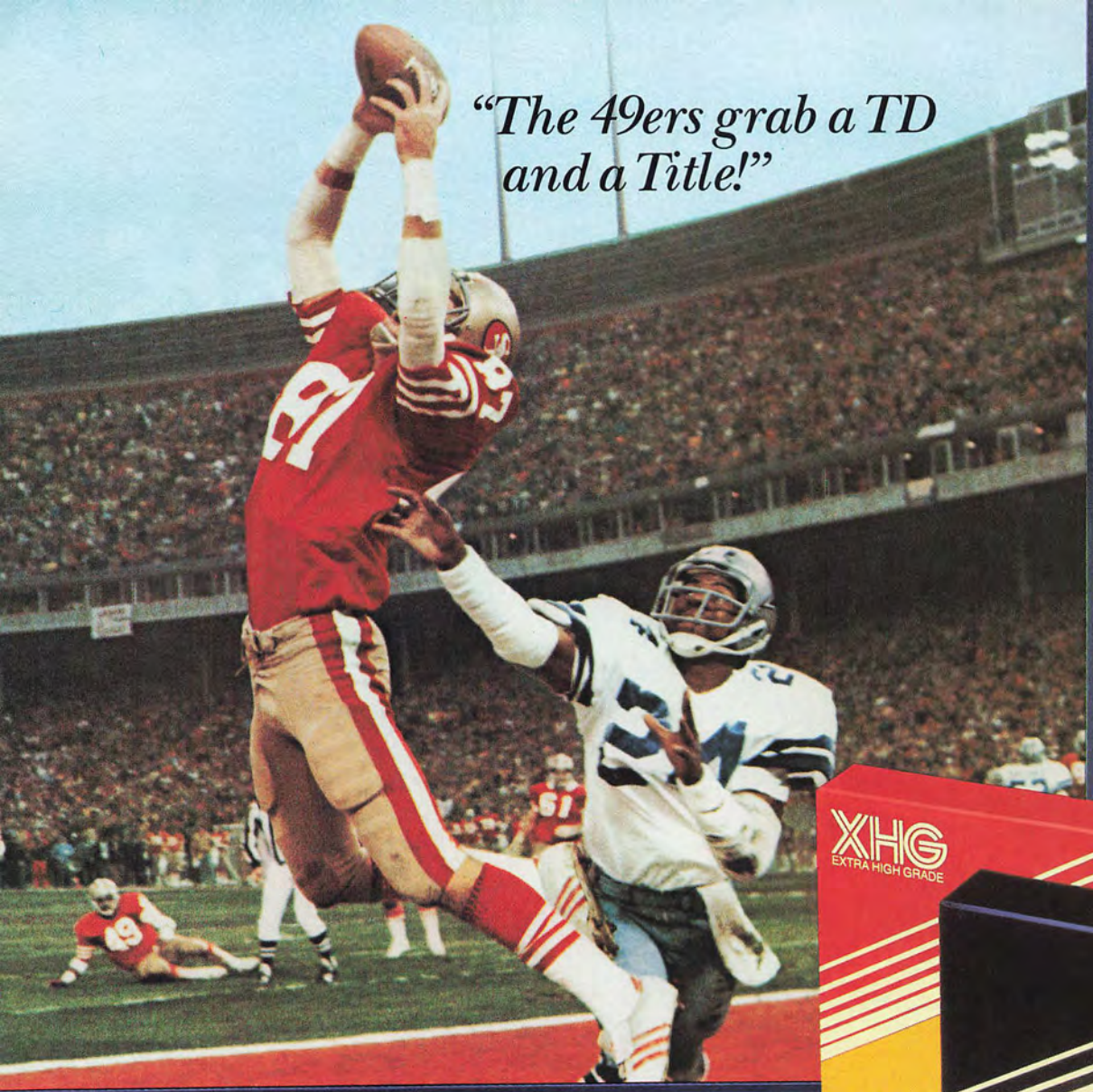

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SEPTEMBER 12

WEEK 2

The Dallas Cowboys were riding high, and why not?

Behind them was a season-opening 44-14 devastation of the Washington Redskins in a Monday night game in Dallas, the Cowboys' first victory over their NFC East nemesis in Texas since 1981.

Next up was an apparently harmless jaunt through "Mr. Rogers's Neighborhood" in Detroit.

But "Mr. Rogers"—a.k.a. Darryl Rogers, the Detroit Lions' rookie head coach—proved more nasty than nice as the Lions held off a late comeback bid to stun the Cowboys 26-21.

The Lions, winning their second consecutive game, intercepted Cowboys quarterback Danny White three times and also recovered two fumbles. Twenty-three of Detroit's 26 points came as a result of turnovers.

Even in defeat, Dallas had an astonishing 554-200 advantage in total yards. Leading the way were wide receiver Tony Hill and tight end Doug Cosbie, each of whom caught 11 passes.

Another receiver who grabbed the spotlight, this one in prime time on Thursday night, was Kansas City's Carlos Carson. He caught five passes for 118 yards, burning cornerback Lester Hayes repeatedly, as the upstart Chiefs defeated the visiting Los Angeles Raiders 36-20.

Chiefs placekicker Nick Lowery, the most accurate field-goal kicker in NFL history (74%) entering the 1985 season, was perfect five times—from 39, 22, 42, 58, and 21 yards.

"They have a good football team," Raiders coach Tom Flores said after watching his team rush for just 67 yards. "We knew it coming in. We know it going out."

Two preseason favorites who were upset losers in week 1 took different routes to victories.

In Washington, Houston placekicker Tony Zendejas, who competed for the Redskins' job against Mark Moseley in training camp before being traded to the Oilers, missed a chance at redemption when a 33-yard field-goal attempt hit the right upright with 4:13 left as the Redskins held on for a 16-13 victory.

It was a thoroughly frustrating day for the Oilers, who were penalized 12 times for 111 yards and also lost two touchdowns on disputed calls. For what it was worth, the NFL's supervisor of officials, Art McNally, later ruled that the calls were incorrect, but could not be changed.

After being benched during a loss in Houston the previous week, Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino heard boos from Miami fans when he stepped onto the field to face the Indianapolis Colts. He heard more boos when his first pass sailed behind wide receiver Mark Duper.

But Marino, who was celebrating his twenty-

TONY TOMSIC

Drew Hill's "catch" sparked a controversy, but Houston lost the decision and game.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Miami	1	1	0
New England	1	1	0
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0
Buffalo	0	2	0
Indianapolis	0	2	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	1	1	0
Houston	1	1	0
Pittsburgh	1	1	0
Cincinnati	0	2	0
AFC West			
Kansas City	2	0	0
Seattle	2	0	0
Denver	1	1	0
L.A. Raiders	1	1	0
San Diego	1	1	0

NFC East	W	L	T
St. Louis	2	0	0
Dallas	1	1	0
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0
Washington	1	1	0
Philadelphia	0	2	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	2	0	0
Detroit	2	0	0
Minnesota	2	0	0
Green Bay	1	1	0
Tampa Bay	0	2	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	2	0	0
San Francisco	1	1	0
Atlanta	0	2	0
New Orleans	0	2	0

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AFC
Cleveland 17, Pittsburgh 7
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Miami 30, Indianapolis 13
N.Y. Jets 42, Buffalo 3
Seattle 49, San Diego 35
NFC
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Green Bay 23, N.Y. Giants 20
L.A. Rams 17, Philadelphia 6
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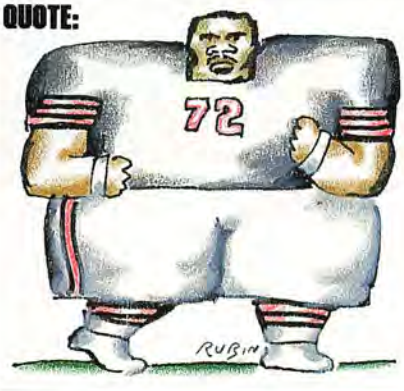

MARV RUBIN

Chicago Bears defensive coordinator **Buddy Ryan**, when asked how 6-foot 2-inch, 308-pound rookie defensive tackle William (The Refrigerator) Perry looked: "It depends on what speed you run the projector."

fourth birthday, found his rhythm, which meant trouble for the Colts. He completed 29 of 48 passes for 329 yards and two touchdowns as the Dolphins trounced Indianapolis 30-13.

After three touchdown passes by Dan Fouts had given the Chargers a 23-14 lead at intermission in San Diego, Seahawks quarterback Dave Krieg responded with four touchdown passes in the final two periods, three to second-year wide receiver Daryl Turner, as Seattle blew apart the Chargers 49-35. Curt Warner, who missed all but 23 minutes of the 1984 season, also ran for a touchdown and 169 yards.

Curt Warner is back and so is Seattle's running game.

ALVIN CHUNG

Fouts completed 29 of 43 passes for 440 yards and four touchdowns. He had the best half of his career —21 of 30 for 306 yards and three touchdowns. His favorite target was wide receiver Wes Chandler, who caught 13 for 243 yards.

Another strong-armed quarterback who enjoyed a big day was John Elway of the Denver Broncos. Elway threw four touchdown passes and finished with career highs in yards (353) and pass completions (28) as the Broncos blitzed visiting New Orleans 34-23.

The Jets took a more conventional approach to victory, relying on their ground forces. Buoyed by the return of holdout tackles Marvin Powell and Reggie McElroy, New York ground out 288 rushing yards, including a regular-season club record of 192 by Freeman McNeil, en route to a 42-3 thrashing of the Buffalo Bills.

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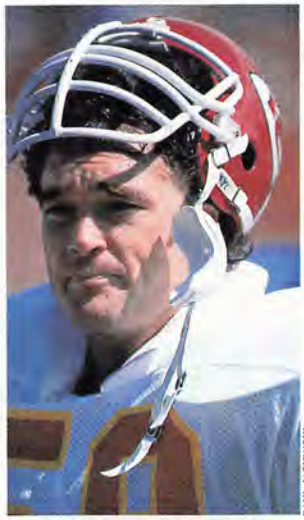

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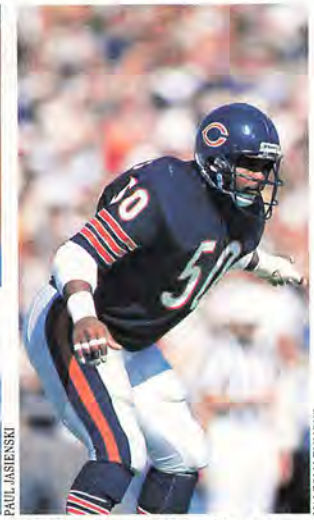

MALCOLM EMMONS

AFC defense: Gary Spani *NFC defense: Mike Singletary*

AFC OFFENSE—Dave Krieg, *quarterback, and* **Daryl Turner,** *wide receiver, Seattle Seahawks*
Krieg tied his own club record for most touchdown passes in a game, five, while completing 22 of 32 passes for 307 yards and no interceptions to lead the Seahawks to a come-from-behind 49-35 victory over the San Diego Chargers. Turner established a club record with four touchdown catches, including three in a furious second-half rally. He finished with seven receptions for 121 yards.

AFC DEFENSE—Gary Spani, *linebacker, Kansas City Chiefs*
Spani, one of Kansas City's defensive leaders, made eight tackles and helped limit the Los Angeles Raiders to 67 yards on 23 rushes (2.91 average per carry) as the Chiefs surprised the Raiders 36-20.

NFC OFFENSE—Roger Craig, *running back, San Francisco 49ers*
Craig rushed 11 times for 107 yards, including second-half touchdown runs of 9 and 62 yards (a career high), as the 49ers scored a come-from-behind 35-16 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. One of the NFL's most versatile running backs, Craig also caught six passes for 77 yards as the 49ers scored all of their points in the final two periods.

NFC DEFENSE—Mike Singletary, *linebacker, Chicago Bears*
Singletary intercepted a pass that set up a field goal, made three sacks and three other tackles as the Bears held the New England Patriots to 27 yards rushing and 206 overall in a 20-7 victory.

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It looked like a tough day at the office for Washington Redskins running back John Riggins. Nagging hamstring injuries figured to make running with the football even more challenging than usual. But it was a game the Redskins desperately wanted to win, coming off their 44-14 shelling by the Dallas Cowboys in the opening week of the season. So Riggins, 36, would be counted on to do his share. They needn't have worried. Riggins delivered his usual workmanlike performance, picking up 84 yards on 16 carries (5.3 average) as Washington held off the Houston Oilers 16-13. In the process, Riggins became only the third player in NFL history to carry the ball 3,000 times (combined rushing, receiving, and returns) in his career. Riggins (3,012) now trails only Chicago's Walter Payton (3,492 through week 2) and Franco Harris (3,281) on the all-time most-carries list.

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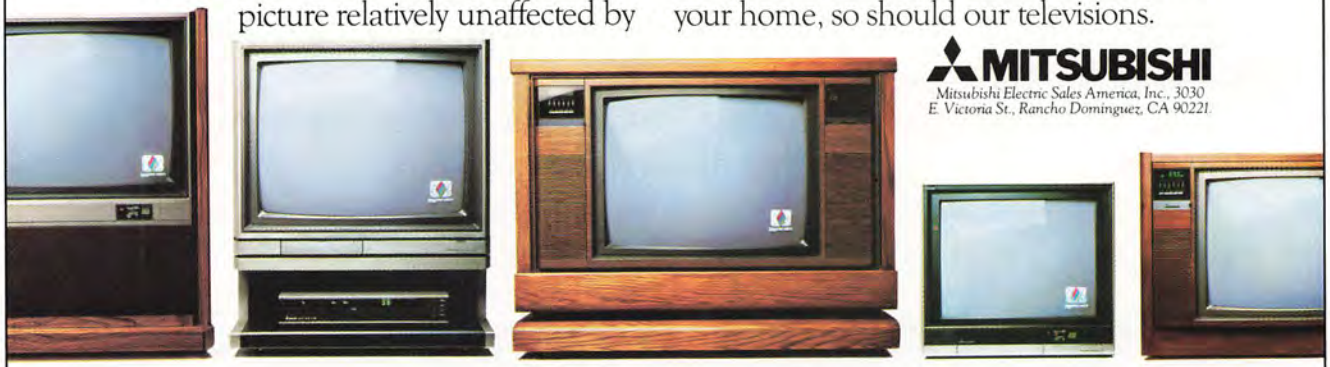

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WEEK 3

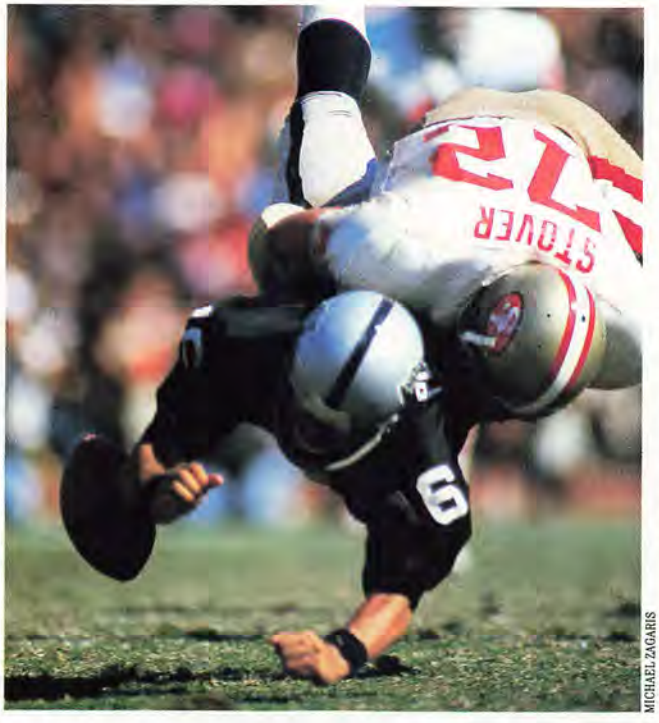
John Robinson thought he had just the right plan to teach Eric Dickerson a lesson when the all-pro running back returned from his 46-day holdout three games into the regular season.

"We're gonna make him play nose tackle," the Los Angeles Rams' coach said.

Owner Georgia Frontiere even began introducing Dickerson as "number sixty-seven."

However, much to the chagrin of the Seattle Seahawks and a frenzied Monday night assemblage at the Kingdome, Robinson failed to follow through with his threat.

Rather, Dickerson took his familiar place in the Rams' backfield wearing his familiar number 29. The results were pretty familiar, too: 31 carries, 150 yards, three touchdowns ...and a surprising 35-24 upset victory for the unbeaten Rams.



MICHAEL ZAGARIS

Raiders quarterback Jim Plunkett is put down and out on this tackle by the 49ers' Jeff Stover.

The NFL's only other undefeated team, the Chicago Bears, stayed that way thanks to a remarkable performance by a reserve quarterback.

Actually, Jim McMahon, normally the Bears' starter, supposedly was not going to play in Chicago's Thursday night game against Minnesota in Minneapolis due to a stiff neck and a bruised leg.

But with the Vikings ahead 17-9 and Chicago's offense struggling midway through the third quarter, Bears coach Mike Ditka had seen enough. He replaced starter Steve Fuller with McMahon. The rest was dazzling.

McMahon threw touchdown passes on his first two plays—70 yards to Willie Gault and 25 yards to Dennis McKinnon—and in his first three possessions (to McKinnon again, from 43 yards) as the Bears ran up 24 points in the third quarter on their way to a 33-24 victory.

For the Vikings, Tommy Kramer completed 28 of 55 passes for 436 yards and three touchdowns.

In Los Angeles, the Raid-

MARV RUBIN

QUOTE:

St. Louis Cardinals running back **Ottis Anderson,** asked how he was feeling after a 27-17 loss to the New York Giants that left him with a bruised shoulder, bruised shin, and scratched face: "I'm going to leave my body to science next week."

A Family Tradition

JIM TURNER

When a seldom-used fullback rushes for 170 yards to lead his winless team to an upset victory over an undefeated team, especially a fullback who never had started a game and who had a career total of 159 yards in 16 previous games, that's news. Such was the case for George Wonsley of the Indianapolis Colts, who also caught five passes for 32 yards to lead the Colts past the Detroit Lions 14-6. For the Wonsley family of Moss Point, Mississippi, however, it was just another day's work for one of its members. Running backs seem to run in the family. There's Otis Wonsley, George's older brother and a reserve running back for the Washington Redskins; plus Nathan, who plays for the University of Mississippi; Jose, who plays for Lenoir-Rhyne College in North Carolina; Leroy, who plays for Winston-Salem State in North Carolina; and Robert, a junior at Moss Point High. In all, George has nine brothers and two sisters.

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AFC East	W	L	T
Miami	2	1	0
New England	2	1	0
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0
Indianapolis	1	2	0
Buffalo	0	3	0
AFC Central			
Pittsburgh	2	1	0
Cleveland	1	2	0
Houston	1	2	0
Cincinnati	0	3	0
AFC West			
Denver	2	1	0
Kansas City	2	1	0
San Diego	2	1	0
Seattle	2	1	0
L.A. Raiders	1	2	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	2	1	0
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0
St. Louis	2	1	0
Philadelphia	1	2	0
Washington	1	2	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	3	0	0
Detroit	2	1	0
Minnesota	2	1	0
Green Bay	1	2	0
Tampa Bay	0	3	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	3	0	0
San Francisco	2	1	0
New Orleans	1	2	0
Atlanta	0	3	0

SCORES

AFC
Miami 31, Kansas City 0
New England 17, Buffalo 14
Pittsburgh 20, Houston 0
San Diego 44, Cincinnati 41
NFC
Chicago 33, Minnesota 24
New Orleans 20, Tampa Bay 13
N.Y. Giants 27, St. Louis 17
Philadelphia 19, Washington 6
Interconference
Dallas 20, Cleveland 7
Denver 44, Atlanta 28
Indianapolis 14, Detroit 6
L.A. Rams 35, Seattle 24
N.Y. Jets 24, Green Bay 3
San Francisco 34, L.A. Raiders 10

ers lost more than their second consecutive game. During the fourth quarter of San Francisco's 34-10 victory, the Raiders' oft-injured veteran quarterback, Jim Plunkett, was leveled by 49ers reserve nose tackle Jeff Stover and driven into the turf.

The diagnosis was a dislocated left shoulder that called for Plunkett to be out a minimum of six weeks.

"It was about as hard-hitting, intense a game as I've been involved in," 49ers coach Bill Walsh said of the contest that matched the winners of four of the last five Super Bowls.

San Francisco's opponent in last year's Super Bowl, the Dolphins, got downright defensive against the league's highest-scoring team, the Kansas City Chiefs, in Miami.

The Dolphins were able to contain Kansas City's potent cadre of wide receivers, and also limited Chiefs quarterback Bill Kenney to 205 yards passing in a 31-0 victory. It was the first shutout since 1983 for Miami, which scored all of its points in the second half.

"There were more great plays out there defensively than I've seen in a long time," said coach Don Shula, who won his one hundredth game in the Orange Bowl in his sixteenth season with the Dolphins.

There was a case for the defense in Dallas, too, as the Cowboys got end-zone interceptions from Dennis Thurman and Everson Walls to help keep the Cleveland Browns scoreless until late in the game, by which time the Cowboys were in control and on their way to a 20-7 victory.

JIM CHAFFIN

Cowboys' Dennis Thurman takes over interception lead.

For Thurman, the interception was the thirty-third of his eight-year career, making him the NFC's active interception leader.

Leading 10-0 with seconds remaining in the third quarter, Dallas coach Tom Landry reached into his computer and pulled out a surprise. From the Shotgun formation, quarterback Danny White handed off to running back James Jones, who started to sweep right, stopped, then threw back to a wide-open White near the left sideline. White romped in for a 12-yard touchdown and a 17-0 lead.

At Giants Stadium, Phil Simms completed only 10 passes, but three went for touchdowns as the New York Giants slugged out a 27-17 victory over the Cardinals, leaving the NFC East in early season gridlock with three teams (Dallas, St. Louis, and New York) tied at 2-1.

Bobby Johnson, the Giants' 1984 co-leader in receptions with 48, caught two of the scoring passes, his first two catches of the season.

"The real Cardinals did not show up today," St. Louis running back Ottis Anderson declared.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

L.D. FULLERTON

AFC offense: Lionel James

JIM CHAFFIN

NFC offense: Dave Wilson

AFC OFFENSE—Lionel James, *running back, San Diego Chargers*
James, the shortest player in the NFL at 5 feet 7 inches and 170 pounds, rushed 12 times for 127 yards, caught 5 passes for 118 yards, returned 2 kickoffs for 47 yards, and ran a punt back 24 yards to set a San Diego regular-season combined yardage record of 316 yards as the visiting Chargers came back in the fourth quarter to edge the Cincinnati Bengals 44-41. James also had a 100-yard kickoff return nullified by a penalty. The 316 yards fell just 13 yards shy of Keith Lincoln's all-time San Diego record set in the 1963 AFL Championship Game. It was the eighth-best regular-season combined yardage performance in NFL history. Counting his 290 yards from week 2, James set an NFL record for combined yardage in consecutive weeks with 606.

AFC DEFENSE—Lance Mehl, *linebacker, New York Jets*
Mehl had five unassisted tackles, two quarterback sacks, and an interception that led to a touchdown as the visiting Jets limited the Green Bay Packers to 193 total yards in a 24-3 victory. The Jets extended their string of not allowing a touchdown to 10 quarters.

NFC OFFENSE—Dave Wilson, *quarterback, New Orleans Saints*
Despite losing three starting offensive linemen during the game, Wilson led the Saints to their first victory of the season by completing 16 of 25 passes for 246 yards and two touchdowns as host New Orleans defeated the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 20-13.

NFC DEFENSE—Wes Hopkins, *safety, Philadelphia Eagles*
Hopkins helped the Eagles to their first victory of the season by making eight unassisted tackles as Philadelphia shocked the Redskins in Washington, 19-6. Leading just 10-6, the Eagles scored the decisive touchdown in the fourth quarter after Hopkins picked up a fumble and returned it 42 yards to the Redskins' 25-yard line.

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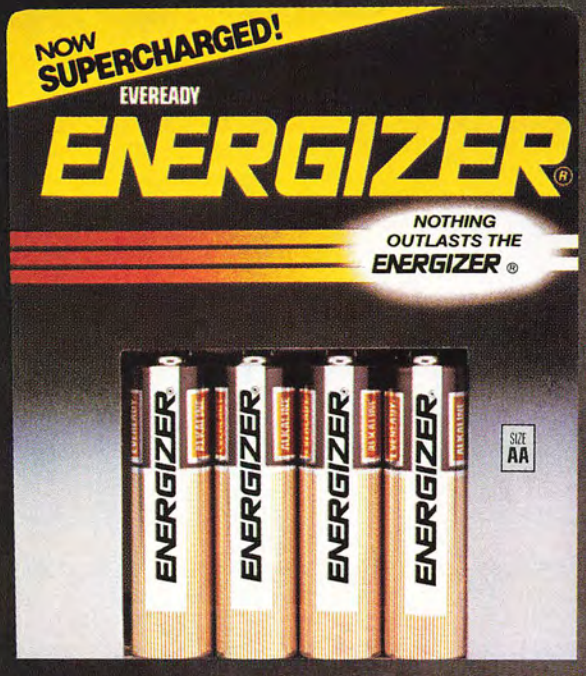

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WEEK 4

In spite of what its name might suggest, Candlestick Park probably isn't the best place for a visiting NFL head coach to blow out candles on his birthday cake.

So guess where Bum Phillips and his New Orleans Saints were assigned to spend the afternoon on the day Phillips turned 62?

You guessed it.

But what followed was not so easy to guess. To almost everyone's surprise, Phillips's birthday wish was granted: the Saints stunned the 49ers 20-17.

"We're probably fortunate the score was as close as it was," San Francisco coach Bill Walsh said later. He was absolutely right.

GREG TROTT

Happy birthday, Bum!

An aggressive Saints defense sacked Joe Montana more times—six—than in any game in his seven-year career. Montana also was held to 12-for-26 passing for a paltry 120 yards, with two interceptions.

That marked only the second time since Montana's rookie season that he failed to complete at least half of his passes in a game. The other time was last season, also against the Saints.

Another quarterback who had a forgettable day was Houston's Warren Moon, who saw so many Cowboys he probably thought he was back in Canada at the Calgary Stampede.

Moon was sacked an NFL record-tying 12 times, threw four interceptions, and fumbled three times (losing one). Still, it took a one-yard touchdown pass from Danny White to reserve tight end Fred Cornwell with just 1:47 left to enable the visiting Cowboys to defeat the Oilers and win the battle of Texas 17-10.

A 31-yard run by Tony Dorsett, who totaled 159 yards for the day, to the

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Miami	3	1	0
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0
New England	2	2	0
Indianapolis	1	3	0
Buffalo	0	4	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	2	2	0
Pittsburgh	2	2	0
Cincinnati	1	3	0
Houston	1	3	0
AFC West			
Kansas City	3	1	0
Denver	2	2	0
L.A. Raiders	2	2	0
San Diego	2	2	0
Seattle	2	2	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	3	1	0
N.Y. Giants	3	1	0
St. Louis	3	1	0
Philadelphia	1	3	0
Washington	1	3	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	4	0	0
Detroit	3	1	0
Minnesota	3	1	0
Green Bay	1	3	0
Tampa Bay	0	4	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	4	0	0
New Orleans	2	2	0
San Francisco	2	2	0
Atlanta	0	4	0

SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 37, Pittsburgh 24
Cleveland 21, San Diego 7
Kansas City 28, Seattle 7
L.A. Raiders 35, New England 20
Miami 30, Denver 26
N.Y. Jets 25, Indianapolis 20
NFC
Chicago 45, Washington 10
Detroit 30, Tampa Bay 9
L.A. Rams 17, Atlanta 6
New Orleans 20, San Francisco 17
N.Y. Giants 16, Philadelphia 10 (OT)
St. Louis 43, Green Bay 28
Interconference
Dallas 17, Houston 10
Minnesota 27, Buffalo 20

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ROD HANNA

AFC offense: Dan Marino

JIM CHAFFIN

NFC offense: Dieter Brock

AFC OFFENSE—Dan Marino, *quarterback, Miami Dolphins*
Marino completed 25 of 43 passes for 390 yards, three touchdowns, and no interceptions to win his "Mile High shootout" with Denver quarterback John Elway as the Dolphins held on for a 30-26 victory over the Broncos. The go-ahead touchdown for the Dolphins came late in the third quarter on a 46-yard pass from Marino to substitute wide receiver Vince Heflin.

AFC DEFENSE—Deron Cherry, *safety, Kansas City Chiefs*
Cherry tied an NFL record shared by 15 others when he intercepted four passes, including one in the end zone, as the Chiefs took advantage of seven turnovers to defeat the Seattle Seahawks 28-7 on a cold, rainy day in Kansas City.

NFC OFFENSE—Dieter Brock, *quarterback, Los Angeles Rams*
Brock, the rookie import from the Canadian Football League, played his best game to date, completing 16 of 20 passes for 215 yards and two touchdowns as the Rams beat the visiting Atlanta Falcons 17-6.

NFC DEFENSE—Demetrious Johnson, *safety, Detroit Lions*
Johnson had an interception that he returned 24 yards, two fumble recoveries, and a 15-yard sack of Tampa Bay quarterback Steve DeBerg that resulted in a fumble recovery by the Lions and an eventual touchdown with two seconds left in the first half as Detroit went ahead to stay 10-6 en route to a 30-9 victory over the visiting Buccaneers.

QUOTE:

MARV RUBIN

Los Angeles Raiders rookie quarterback **Rusty Hilger,** asked what his teammates said to him when he entered the game at New England after starting quarterback Marc Wilson was hurt: "They said, 'Don't screw it up.' "

Oilers' 1-yard line set up the winning score.

Said Houston tackle Harvey Salem: "Twelve sacks is a nightmare."

On the subject of nightmares, the Chargers lived through one in San Diego when quarterback Dan Fouts was buried by Cleveland linebacker Eddie Johnson on a first-quarter blitz.

Fouts, who had San Diego ahead 7-0 at the time after throwing a 54-yard touchdown pass to Jesse Bendross, tore ligaments in his right knee on the play. He would be lost a minimum of three weeks.

The Browns' talented defense shut down Fouts's successor, Mark Herrmann, sacking him six times and intercepting two passes. Cleveland picked up 275 yards rushing—130 by Kevin Mack, who also caught seven passes, and 83 by Earnest Byner—to wear down the Chargers 21-7.

One player the Chicago Bears clearly need is quarterback Jim McMahon. A week after coming off the bench to rescue the Bears in Minnesota, McMahon was at it again.

This time he threw three touchdown passes and also scored on a 13-yard halfback option pass from Walter Payton as the host Bears exploded for 31 points in the second quarter to humble the Washington Redskins 45-10.

Payton now has completed nine passes in his career. Remarkably, eight have gone for touchdowns.

Willie Gault got the Bears rolling when he returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown to start the second-period surge.

The Redskins' frustrations began after Gault's runback. That's when quarterback Joe Theismann delivered a one-yard punt to put Chicago on the Washington 14-yard line. Theismann was subbing for regular punter Jeff Hayes, who tore a muscle in his thigh.

It was difficult to argue with linebacker Rod Martin's analysis of the Los Angeles Raiders' scrambling, hard-earned 35-20 victory over the Patriots in Foxboro, Massachusetts.

"The way I look at it, we outscored them," Martin said.

That they did. In fact, the Los Angeles defense by itself outpointed the Patriots' offense 21-20.

The Raiders returned two interceptions for touchdowns (27 yards by Lester Hayes and 38 yards by converted wide receiver Sammy Seale) and got a third score when defensive end Lyle Alzado recovered a fumble by Craig James in the end zone.

New England quarterback Tony Eason threw three interceptions in all, giving him eight for the season to equal his 1984 total.

Interceptions were pivotal in the New York Giants' 16-10 overtime win in Philadelphia.

Eagles cornerback Herman Edwards returned a tipped pass three yards for the tying touchdown with 3:02 left in regulation after newly acquired defensive end Reggie White drilled Giants quarterback Phil Simms as he was attempting to pass.

But on the second play of overtime, New York cornerback Elvis Patterson, playing in place of all-pro Mark Haynes, a holdout, intercepted another tipped pass and returned it 29 yards for the winning score.

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TONY TOMSIC

There were about three minutes left to play at Rich Stadium in Orchard Park, New York, and the Minnesota Vikings had the ball on the Buffalo 22-yard line, score tied 20-20, third-and-11. Quarterback Tommy Kramer dropped back to pass. Coming hard to the inside was Bills rookie defensive end Bruce Smith, a fierce pass rusher. After a pump fake to the right, Kramer handed off to running back Ted Brown on the old Statue of Liberty play. With Smith already committed to the inside, Brown went to an outside lane and ran 22 yards for the game-winning touchdown as the Vikings beat the Bills 27-20. Later, Minnesota coach Bud Grant said he couldn't remember the last time he saw a Statue of Liberty play go for a touchdown. "They were playing double-double on the outside receivers," Kramer said, "so that play had a great chance to succeed." Said Bills coach Kay Stephenson: "That was something they had dug out of the archives. You can't prepare for everything the Minnesota Vikings have ever done."

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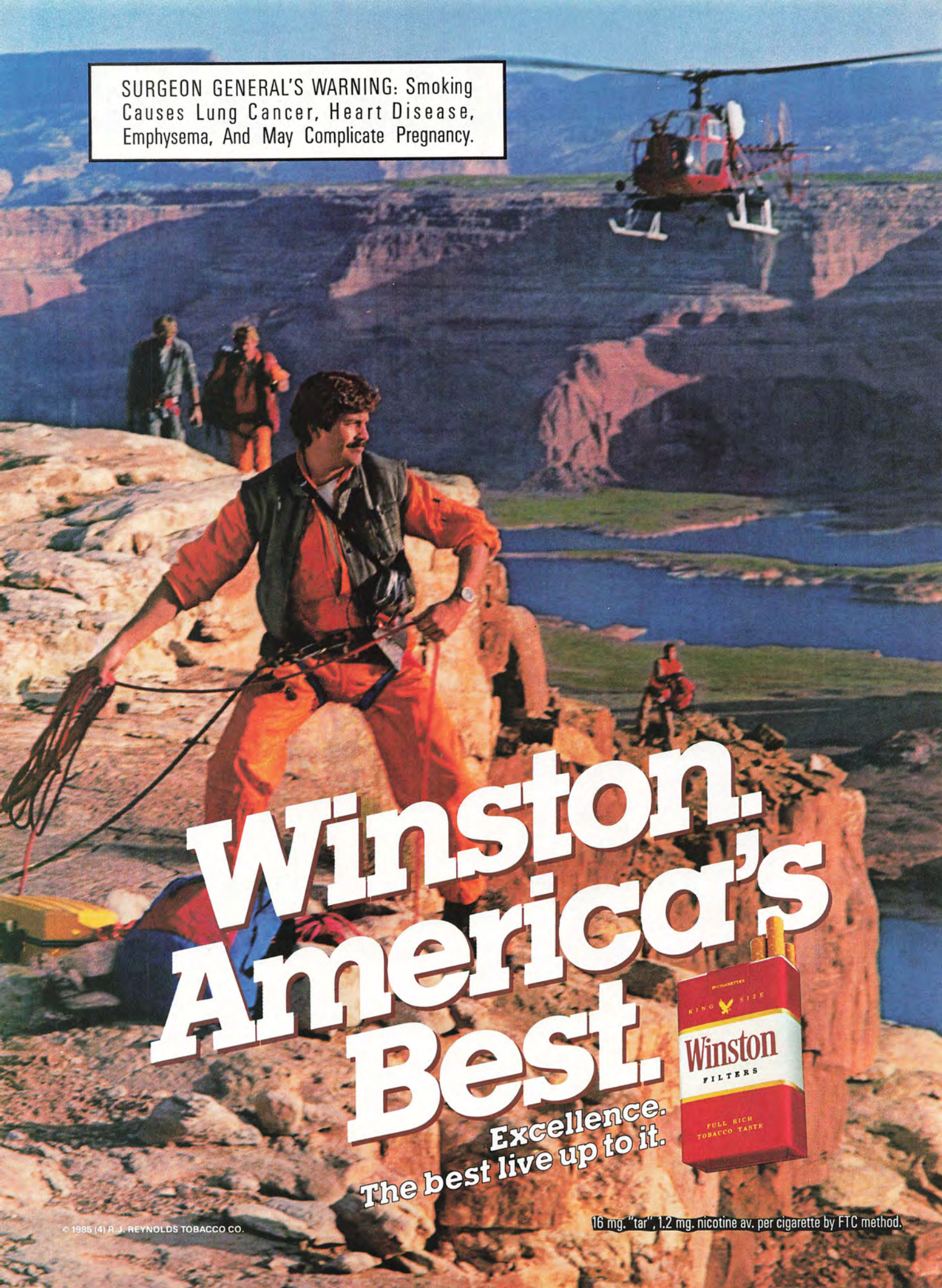
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WEEK 5

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After a fumbling start, rookie Bernie Kosar looked sharp as Cleveland's quarterback.

On his first pro snap, Bernie Kosar fumbled. "That brought me back to earth," he said.

When he returned to the sky, Kosar completed his first seven NFL passes. He led the Cleveland Browns to a 24-20 comeback victory over visiting New England. With 9-for-15 passing for 104 yards, the 21-year-old rookie was just what the Browns hoped he would be when they pulled him out of the supplementary draft for two first-round picks.

He wound up with a game ball in his locker. Awarded by the coaches? "No, I clipped [pilfered] it at the end," said Kosar, who played after Gary Danielson strained his right shoulder late in the first half.

It was hardly a one-man show for the Browns, who took over first place in the AFC Central. Rookie halfback Kevin Mack had a 115-yard day rushing to elevate the Browns to second place on the NFL rushing chart after ranking twenty-first in 1984. The defense kept the Patriots from going ahead with 4:25 left by stopping Mosi Tatupu on fourth down, one inch from the goal line.

The Browns moved ahead of Pittsburgh, which lost 24-20 at Miami on rookie Lorenzo Hampton's two-yard touchdown run with 47 seconds to play. The Steelers had intercepted three of Dan Marino's passes and limited him to short gains, but Marino completed five on the 75-yard drive.

"When we had to have it, we did," said Marino, who finished 27 for 45 for 277 yards against the NFL's top pass defense.

The New York Jets kept pace with the Dolphins in the AFC East by beating the Bengals 21-20 in a game that outraged Cincinnati coach Sam Wyche. "This was not a good day for the sport of football," Wyche said after officials called 29 penalties, a team-record 16 against the Bengals, including eight personal fouls.

Wyche was most upset about the play that ignited tempers, when referee Ben Dreith said Bengals cornerback Louis Breeden had caught an interception at the 6 and carried the ball into the end zone, where he was tackled for a safety. Breeden would have had to catch the ball inside the 5 for the play to have been ruled a touchback.

The Toughest Yard

JIM CHAFFIN

Vikings' Nelson hits the Rams' stop sign in mid-air.

Bud Grant, a sweatshirt kind of guy, didn't see why this was any time to be in the market for a tie.

His Minnesota Vikings had the ball on the Los Angeles Rams' 1-yard line with one second to play. They trailed 13-10. A field goal would send the game into overtime. A one-yard run would win the game.

Grant went for the touchdown. Darrin Nelson tried to jump over the middle. But the Rams caved in the line. They stopped Nelson on the way up. The Rams won.

"We went for the touchdown because we had a chance to win the game," Grant said. "There is no assurance in overtime. We'd had good luck in short situations all day.

"It was a high-percentage call. I would do the same thing again."

Vikings fans agreed. Later that week, in a Minneapolis television station's call-in poll, they supported Grant's decision, 2,800-370.

"I would have done the same thing," Rams coach John Robinson said. "That's the way football is supposed to be, with so much drama."

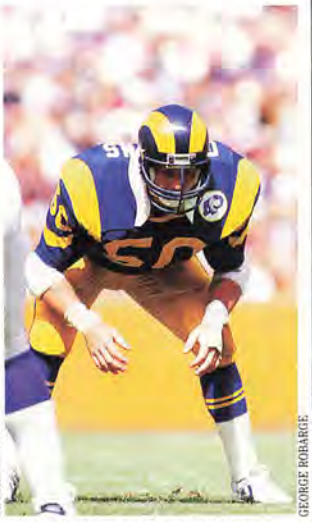
The victory left the Rams and Bears as the NFL's only undefeated teams.

The Vikings had battled back from a 13-0 deficit in the second half. They began their final drive at their own 26 with 5:29 left. On third-and-two from the Rams' 17, Nelson broke numerous tackles on a 16-yard run to set up Grant's go-for-broke play.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MIGUEL ELLIOT

AFC defense: Vann McElroy



GEORGE ROBARGE

NFC defense: Jim Collins

AFC OFFENSE—Kevin Mack, *running back, Cleveland Browns*
Mack carried the ball 20 times for 115 yards and caught 5 passes for 85 more. His 10-yard touchdown run brought the Browns from behind with 12:12 left to beat New England 24-20.

AFC DEFENSE—Vann McElroy, *safety, Los Angeles Raiders*
McElroy intercepted a pass and made six tackles to help limit the explosive Kansas City passing game to 181 yards as the Raiders defeated the visiting Chiefs 19-10.

NFC OFFENSE—Joe Montana, *quarterback, San Francisco 49ers*
Montana threw for five touchdowns and 429 yards without an interception as the 49ers beat Atlanta 38-17. Montana's touchdowns tied a team record, and he broke two more with 37 completions and 57 attempts.

NFC DEFENSE—Jim Collins, *linebacker, Los Angeles Rams*
Collins had 13 tackles, three assists, and one sack in a 13-10 victory over the Minnesota Vikings. His biggest tackle, of running back Darrin Nelson at the Rams' 1-yard line, came on the last play of the game.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Miami	4	1	0
N.Y. Jets	4	1	0
Indianapolis	2	3	0
New England	2	3	0
Buffalo	0	5	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	3	2	0
Pittsburgh	2	3	0
Cincinnati	1	4	0
Houston	1	4	0
AFC West			
Denver	3	2	0
Kansas City	3	2	0
L.A. Raiders	3	2	0
Seattle	3	2	0
San Diego	2	3	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	4	1	0
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0
St. Louis	3	2	0
Washington	2	3	0
Philadelphia	1	4	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	5	0	0
Detroit	3	2	0
Minnesota	3	2	0
Green Bay	2	3	0
Tampa Bay	0	5	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	5	0	0
New Orleans	3	2	0
San Francisco	3	2	0
Atlanta	0	5	0

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 24, New England 20
Denver 31, Houston 20
Indianapolis 49, Buffalo 17
L.A. Raiders 19, Kansas City 10
Miami 24, Pittsburgh 20
N.Y. Jets 29, Cincinnati 20
Seattle 26, San Diego 21

NFC
Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 19
Dallas 30, N.Y. Giants 29
Green Bay 43, Detroit 10
L.A. Rams 13, Minnesota 10
New Orleans 23, Philadelphia 21
San Francisco 38, Atlanta 17
Washington 27, St. Louis 10

NATE FINE

George Rogers got into the swing of things as a Redskin, rushing for 104 yards.

The safety gave the Jets a 19-13 lead, and Kirk Springs's 58-yard return of the free kick set up a 19-yard touchdown drive that made it 26-13. The Bengals' record dropped to 1-4, even though they rank third in the NFL in scoring. The Jets won their fourth straight, and have allowed only 44 points after an opening 31-0 loss.

Dallas was the other team to break a first-place division tie, pulling away in the NFC East with its 30-29 victory over the New York Giants at the Meadowlands.

The Giants took a 26-14 lead in the third quarter, when Phil Simms passed for three touchdowns. But Simms, who had a career-high 432 yards passing, let the game slip away with two fourth-quarter fumbles. They set up two of Rafael Septien's three field goals, the last from 31 yards with 2:19 left. Jess Atkinson's missed extra point proved to be the margin of defeat.

The Cardinals fell back with the Giants when they were the victims of Washington's Monday night resurgence. The last-place Redskins snapped out of their slump by intercepting St. Louis quarterback Neil Lomax four times. The running game was in high gear as George Rogers ran for 104 yards and John Riggins for 103.

Indianapolis also had two 100-yard rushers in its 49-17 home victory over Buffalo. Albert Bentley gained 100 and Randy McMillan added 112 after missing two games with a sprained ankle.

Detroit's 43-10 loss to Green Bay helped Chicago take a two-game lead in the NFC Central with a come-from-behind 27-19 victory at Tampa Bay.

"The thing that sets this team apart from teams in the past is that regardless of how far behind we get, nobody loses confidence," said Walter Payton. The Buccaneers' James Wilder ran for only 29 yards in his attempt to tie the NFL record of seven consecutive 100-yard games.

QUOTE:

Buffalo coach **Hank Bullough**, who lost his NFL debut 49-17 at Indianapolis after replacing Kay Stephenson during the week: "If we knew it was going to be like this, we'd never have shown up. I'd rather take a fine than play like that."

ROBERT L. SMITH

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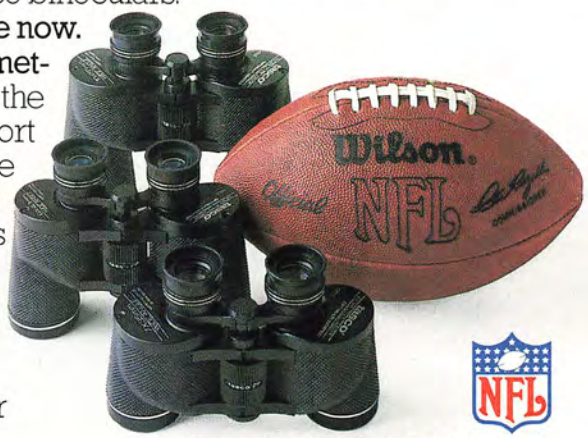

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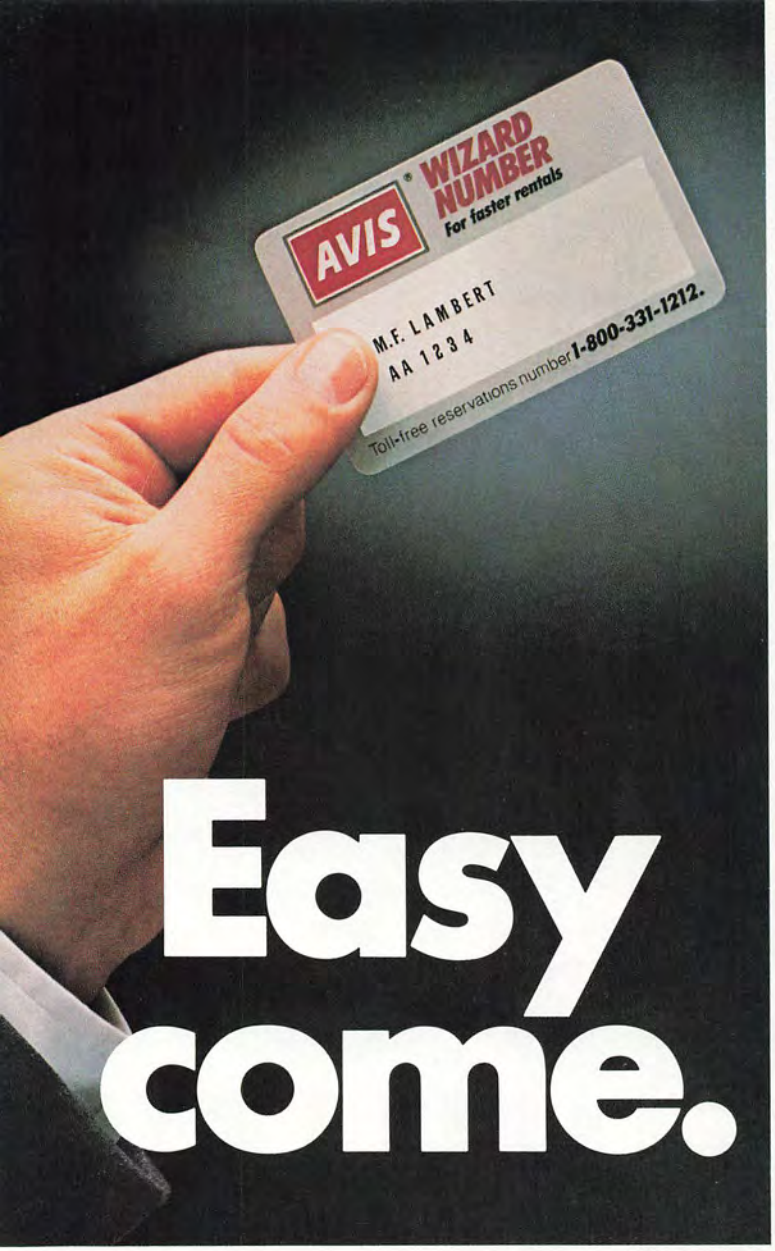

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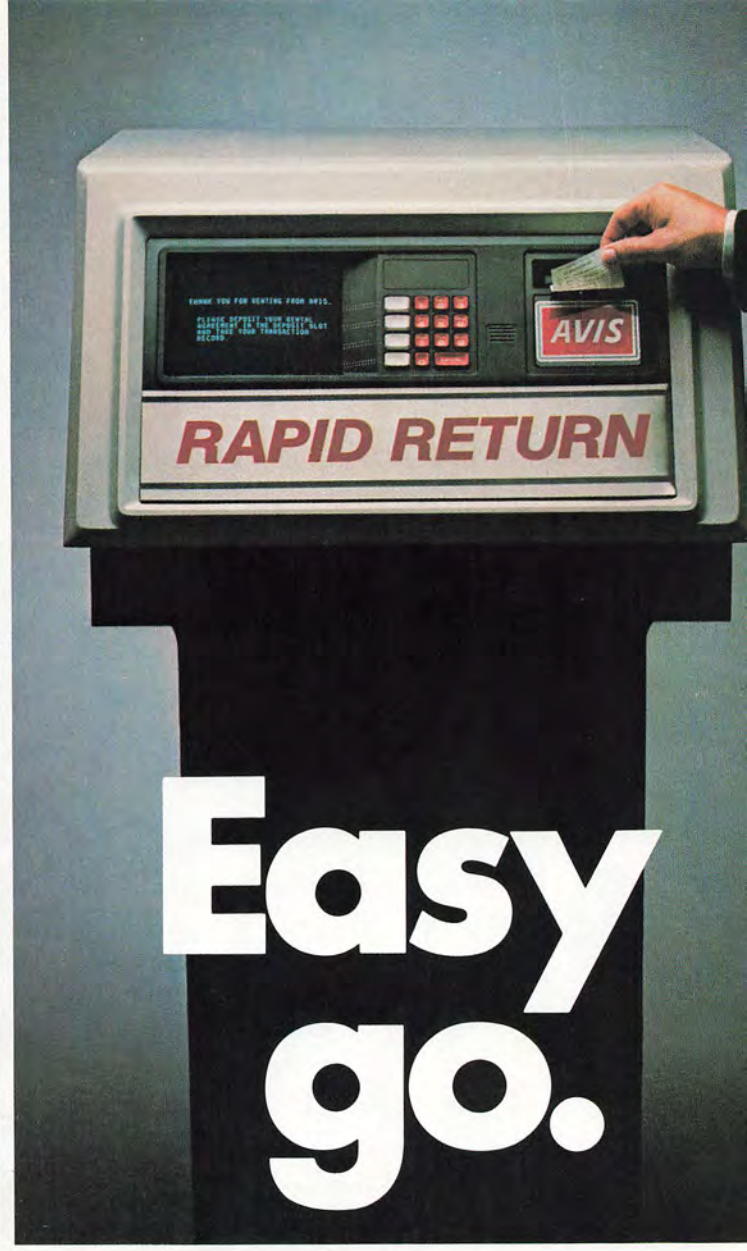

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OCTOBER 13

WEEK 6

The Chicago Bears went to San Francisco with fire in their eyes and fireworks in their arsenal. They wallpapered their locker rooms with newspaper clippings from their 23-0 loss to the 49ers in last season's NFC Championship Game, then they pasted the 49ers. "We took a sound beating," 49ers coach Bill Walsh said after Chicago's 26-10 victory.

The Bears' defense held San Francisco to 11 first downs and 183 yards, both team lows under Walsh. It sacked Joe Montana seven times, a career high. Then it supplied 308-pound defensive tackle William Perry, who ran the last two plays of the game for two yards each time, eclipsing the 49ers' second-half rushing total of three yards. "We wanted to show them that we have an offense," said quarterback Jim McMahon, who passed for 186 yards and ran for 24 more. "We wanted it a little more than they did."

The defending champions fell three games behind the undefeated Rams, who needed two second-half touchdowns on interceptions to win 31-27 at Tampa Bay. Carl Ekern's 33-yard romp put the Rams ahead 24-20, and LeRoy Irvin's 34-yard score made it 31-27 with 5:58 left.

The Buccaneers stayed close by sacking Dieter Brock seven times and recovering three fumbles. Eric Dickerson lost the ball twice, setting up a Tampa Bay touchdown and ending a drive at the Tampa Bay 6.

If the Bears became the NFC's team to beat, the Jets established themselves as the cream of the AFC by beating Miami 23-7 at home on Monday night. They took the league lead in scoring defense, 14 points a game, and held Dan Marino to 136 yards passing, his lowest total in two years. After leading 6-0 at halftime, the Jets scored the next three times they had the ball.

Cleveland also went up by two games when it won 21-6 at Houston in quarterback Bernie Kosar's first start. He made up for his 3-for-12 first half by giving the Browns a 7-6 lead with his first touchdown pass, 68 yards to Clarence Weathers on third-and-nine.

Raiders quarterback Marc Wilson continued to draw home-crowd boos, but his teammates toasted his courage. Wilson left with a first-quarter shoulder injury but returned to throw the clinching touchdown pass in the Raiders' 23-13 victory over New Orleans. The Saints had battled back from a 14-0 second-quarter deficit.

Denver and Seattle joined the Raiders atop the AFC West. Quarterback John Elway's career-high 49 yards rushing sparked the Broncos' 15-10 victory at Indianapolis. "I'll do what I have to do," Elway said. "But my goal is not to lead the team in rushing." After missing an extra point following a first-quarter touchdown, Denver's Rich Karlis missed field-goal tries of 28 and 43 yards as five Broncos drives past the Colts' 30-yard line yielded only nine points.

Mark Herrmann had his second consecutive 300-yard passing game and became the NFL's number-two passer to injured team-

GEORGE ROSE

Jim McMahon (left) was more than the 49ers and Ronnie Lott (42) could bear, passing for 186 yards.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PAUL A. SPINELLI

AFC offense: Freeman McNeil

ALLAN KAYE

NFC offense: Tony Dorsett

AFC OFFENSE—Freeman McNeil, *running back, New York Jets*
McNeil became the NFL rushing leader with 645 yards after gaining 173 on 28 carries as the host Jets beat Miami for the first time in eight games, 23-7.

AFC DEFENSE—Ray Griffin, *safety, Cincinnati Bengals*
Griffin scored a touchdown on a 23-yard interception return, and his recovery of a late onside kick clinched the Bengals' 35-30 victory over the visiting Giants.

NFC OFFENSE—Tony Dorsett, *running back, Dallas Cowboys*
Dorsett ran for 113 yards on 21 carries and gained 82 yards on four catches, becoming the NFL's sixth player to rush for more than 10,000 yards. His 56-yard scoring catch put host Dallas ahead to stay 7-3, and he turned a right-end sweep into a left-end run for a 35-yard touchdown. It was Dallas's first victory in six games against Pittsburgh.

NFC DEFENSE—LeRoy Irvin, *cornerback, Los Angeles Rams*
Irvin's second interception, which he returned for a 34-yard touchdown, finished the scoring in the Rams' 31-27 victory at Tampa Bay.

STANDINGS

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Indianapolis	2	4	0
Buffalo	0	6	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	4	2	0
Cincinnati	2	4	0
Pittsburgh	2	4	0
Houston	1	5	0
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Denver	4	2	0
L.A. Raiders	4	2	0
Seattle	4	2	0
Kansas City	3	3	0
San Diego	3	3	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	5	1	0
N.Y. Giants	3	3	0
St. Louis	3	3	0
Washington	3	3	0
Philadelphia	2	4	0
NFC Central			
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Detroit	3	3	0
Green Bay	3	3	0
Minnesota	3	3	0
Tampa Bay	0	6	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	6	0	0
New Orleans	3	3	0
San Francisco	3	3	0
Atlanta	0	6	0

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 21, Houston 6
Denver 15, Indianapolis 10
New England 14, Buffalo 3
N.Y. Jets 23, Miami 7
San Diego 31, Kansas City 20
NFC
Chicago 26, San Francisco 10
Dallas 27, Pittsburgh 13
Green Bay 20, Minnesota 17
L.A. Rams 31, Tampa Bay 27
Philadelphia 30, St. Louis 7
Washington 24, Detroit 3
Interconference
Cincinnati 35, N.Y. Giants 30
L.A. Raiders 23, New Orleans 13
Seattle 30, Atlanta 26

mate Dan Fouts, leading San Diego past Kansas City 31-20 at San Diego. The Chargers overcame a 10-0 second-quarter deficit and broke an 11-game losing streak to AFC West teams. Herrmann was 26 for 36 for 320 yards, two touchdowns, and no interceptions.

PAUL A. SPINELLI

Herrmann leads Chargers.

Bill Kenney also surpassed 300 yards through the air, but wide receiver Stephone Paige led Chiefs rushers with just 15 yards against the NFL's last-ranked defense. Chargers rookie Wayne Davis's first NFL interception ended the Chiefs' last rally at the goal line.

Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski owed each of his offensive linemen a case of steaks after throwing for three touchdowns in a 30-7 home victory over St. Louis. "It's a standing deal whenever we win and I don't get sacked," Jaworski said. He had last paid off in 1981, when the tariff was a single steak. Jaworski had been benched for four games after going down eight times in the opener.

The Eagles' Greg Brown got three sacks, and Cardinals quarterback Neil Lomax was just 6 for 15 for 65 yards and two interceptions before leaving in the third quarter with a back injury. Earnest Jackson had the Eagles' third 100-yard rushing game since 1981, the first since 1979 by someone other than Wilbert Montgomery.

Another resurrected quarterback was New England's Steve Grogan, who sparked a 14-3 victory over Buffalo after Tony Eason separated his left shoulder in the second quarter. Grogan had missed 18 straight games and fumbled his first snap, then completed 15 of 19 for 282 yards and a touchdown.

"My knees were shaking when Tony went down," said Grogan, who admitted soliciting teammates' suggestions for plays. "It's not the way the game is supposed to be played at this level, but it sure was fun."

John Riggins ran for 114 yards and three touchdowns in the Redskins' 24-3 victory over Detroit at Washington, becoming the second player with 100 career rushing touchdowns. With 101, he trailed Jim Brown by five. "I play for fun and money, not necessarily in that order," said the 36-year-old Riggins, now in his fourteenth season.

Green Bay beat the Vikings 20-17 at Milwaukee after stopping Minnesota three straight times inside its 3-yard line. The Vikings, who tried unsuccessfully for a winning touchdown on the final play the previous week against the Rams, went for the tying field goal with 1:24 to play—and made it—only to lose on Al Del Greco's 22-yard field goal for the Packers with seven seconds left.

Giants quarterback Phil Simms's 40-for-62 passing gained 513 yards, the second-highest NFL total ever, and Giants rookie tight end Mark Bavaro's 12 catches set a team record. But Cincinnati won 35-30 at home, forcing two key turnovers after its early 21-0 lead shrank to 21-20.

QUOTE:

ALLAN KAYE

Steelers coach **Chuck Noll,** on whether tenth-year Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett had lost any speed: "I don't now. I haven't raced him lately."

They Also Serve Who....

CORKY TREWIN

Paul Skansi was just a line of small type, an NFL career that stopped before it started, when the Seahawks cut him the week of the season opener. "They said to stay in shape because this is a crazy game and things happen," Skansi said.

They were right. In the Seahawks' fifth game, Skansi was back on the roster. Another rookie wide receiver, former Washington Huskies teammate Danny Greene, had to go on injured reserve.

After the Seahawks' sixth game, Skansi was on Cloud 9. His 12-yard touchdown catch with 35 seconds left put Seattle ahead for good in its 30-26 home victory over Atlanta.

It was the fourth touchdown pass for Dave Krieg, who completed 33 of 51 for 405 yards. Krieg's twenty-fourth consecutive game with a touchdown pass put him one behind Daryle Lamonica for second place on the all-time list, which is led by Johnny Unitas's 47-game streak.

Skansi's catch finished an 86-yard drive after Atlanta went ahead 26-21 with 6:37 remaining. As halfback Curt Warner said, "This isn't a game for doubters."

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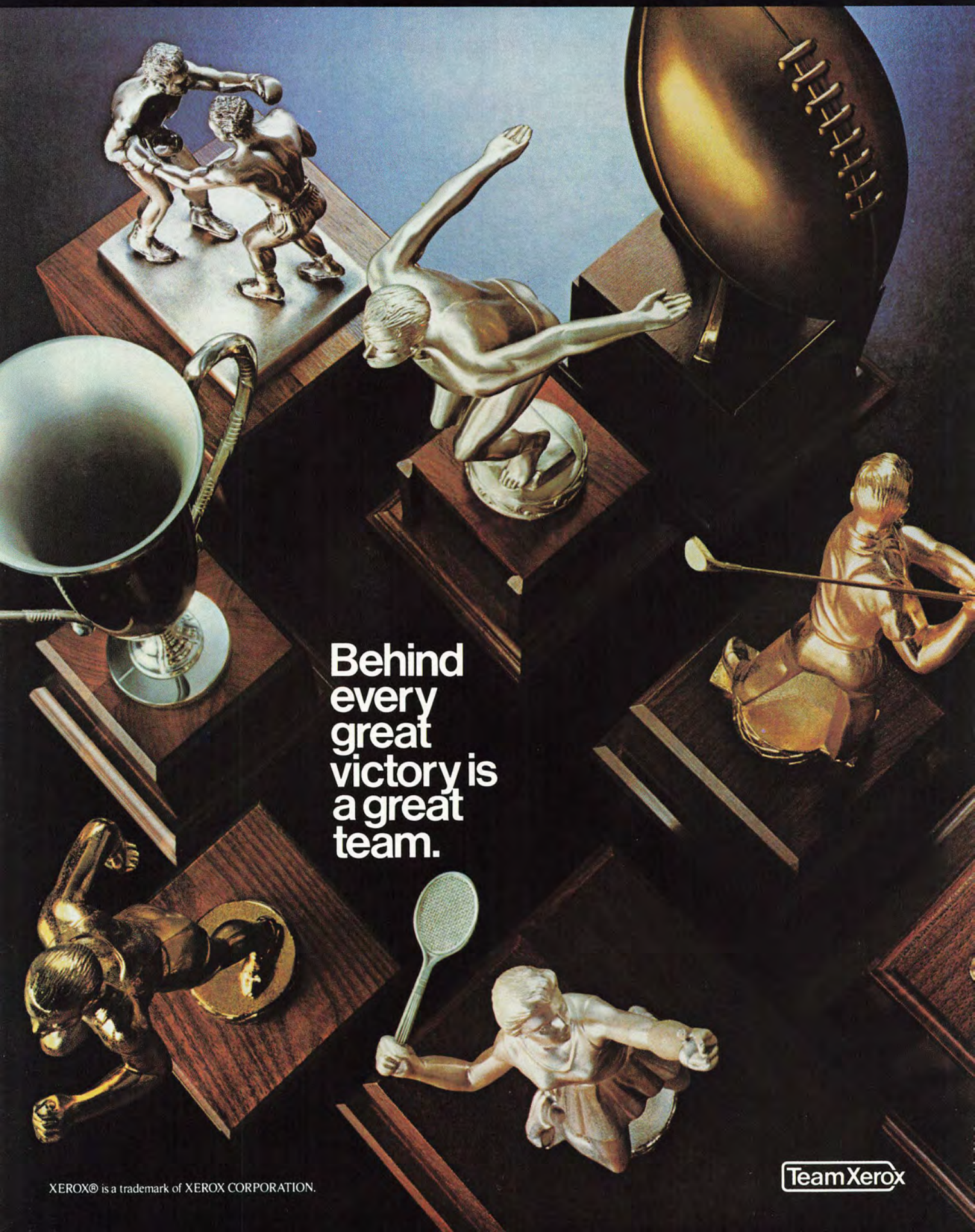

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OCTOBER 20

WEEK 7

Steve Grogan didn't want his secret to slip out. In New England's huddle, he called a running play to Tony Collins. Only *after* the huddle did he tell Collins and wide receiver Stanley Morgan he was going to keep the ball and run around Morgan's end.

"We figured it would work better that way," Grogan said. It did. Grogan's bootleg run went for the three-yard touchdown with 3:27 to play that beat the Jets 20-13 at New England.

It ended a five-game winning streak for the Jets, who lost league-leading rusher Freeman McNeil with back spasms after one play. "I haven't seen a tougher quarterback in my life," Jets nose tackle Joe Klecko said of Grogan, who made his first start of the year.

Another rejuvenated quarterback, the Eagles' Ron Jaworski, threw the decisive touchdown pass in Philadelphia's 16-14 upset of Dallas at Philadelphia. The Eagles took advantage of two fumbles by Tony Dorsett, who had tauntingly waved the football at safeties Ray Ellis and Wes Hopkins after his touchdown gave Dallas a 14-6 lead late in the third quarter. "I'm disappointed in me for sinking to that level," Dorsett said later.

Ellis recovered Dorsett's first fumble, setting up the first of Paul McFadden's three field goals. Hopkins's recovery ended a fourth-quarter drive at the Eagles' 20. Hopkins also intercepted two passes deep in Eagles territory.

The Newest Thing in Refrigerators

DON LANSKI

Perry provides some icing with his first touchdown.

Bears coach Mike Ditka was worried that his number-one draft choice "might get lost in the shuffle," playing part-time at defensive tackle. He wanted to make 308-pound William Perry feel more a part of the team's success.

"I didn't plan on making him a national hero," Ditka said.

But that's exactly what happened when Perry lined up at fullback for three goal-line plays in the second quarter of the Bears' Monday night game against Green Bay. He ran for one touchdown and blocked sensationally for Walter Payton on two others in the Bears' 23-7 home victory over the Packers.

"It felt like I was stealing," Payton said. "I just walked into the end zone."

"Both plays were awesome," Ditka said of the blocks. "Usually when two bodies hit, there's an impact point and both bodies stop a little. But they hit and it was like an earth mover. He just moved it out."

Perry, already nicknamed "Refrigerator," had the Bears calling him "Mudslide" for the way he devastated Packers linebacker George Cumby, who checks in at 224 pounds. "When I hit him, he looked up," Perry said. "He tried to look at me. I believe he was looking at stars. I had this one obligation to block the linebacker. Whoever else got in the way, I took him out, too."

Ditka had planned to use Perry at the goal line after seeing him run twice for four yards at San Francisco the previous week. "He said if everything goes well, he was going to give himself a genius button," Perry said.

An overnight media sensation, Perry was quickly given the chance to discuss his sudden fame on the David Letterman show. The Tonight and Today shows asked for him, too. He was an inspiration, Ditka said, "for every guy that's two or three pounds overweight."

Atlanta and Buffalo scored their first victories of the season, Tampa Bay came close again, and Houston ended a five-game losing streak. But the most surprising upset may have been Detroit's 23-21 Silverdome victory over San Francisco.

The Lions, ranked next-to-last in rushing, had their first 100-yard rusher since Billy Sims's injury when James Jones gained 116. They held Joe Montana to 97 passing yards and intercepted him for the first time in 113 attempts. Montana, who awoke at 5 A.M. with the flu, was replaced with 1:37 to play. "We have to pull together and just play some nasty football," 49ers fullback Roger Craig said after the game.

After Atlanta beat New Orleans 31-24 at home, coach Dan Henning said, "We don't ever make anything easy." Frank Warren returned Atlanta quarterback Dave Archer's fumble 50 yards for a touchdown with 30 seconds left. The Saints' David Rackley recovered New Orleans's onside kick and Archer put a towel over his head because he couldn't bear to watch the rest of the game. But the Falcons' defense held off the Saints.

Earlier, Mike Gann's 42-yard fumble return put the Falcons ahead to stay 14-7, and Cliff Austin's 94-yard kickoff return made it 31-17 with 4:13 to play.

The Bills beat Indianapolis 21-9 at home in running back Joe Cribbs's return. Cribbs ran just 13 times for 41 yards, but back-

field mate Greg Bell was glad to see him. "There were many plays when there would be two or three guys on me," said Bell. "Now they run to him like flies."

Buffalo's defense gave up just three field goals and 61 yards passing after allowing the Colts seven touchdowns two weeks earlier. Dean Prater dealt the Colts' Rohn Stark his first career blocked punt (college or the NFL), setting up a three-yard drive that finished the scoring.

Houston beat Cincinnati at the Astrodome 44-27 when it scored on five straight possessions in the second half and didn't allow a sack after yielding 33 in the first six weeks.

Tampa Bay overcame a 24-7 second-quarter deficit with the help of Jimmie Giles's four touchdown catches, then tied Miami on Donald Igwebuike's 38-yard field goal with 53 seconds to play. But the Dolphins won 41-38 at the Orange Bowl on Fuad Reveiz's 43-yard field goal with six seconds left.

The Raiders, Vikings, and Broncos also won cliff-hangers. Todd Christensen caught Marc Wilson's eight-yard, fourth-down touchdown pass with 29 seconds left for the winning play in the Raiders' 21-20 victory at Cleveland. Tommy Kramer's first completion to a wide receiver was Leo Lewis's 26-yard touchdown with 19 seconds left in Minnesota's 21-17 victory over San Diego at the Metrodome. Rich Karlis kicked a 24-yard field goal to beat Seattle 13-10 in overtime at Denver.

The Broncos held Seattle to 77 passing yards, sacked Dave Krieg five times, and had a 5-0 turnover advantage, setting up the winning kick on rookie Daniel Hunter's interception return to the Seahawks' 13.

ROBERT L. SMITH

Bullough: first victory.

The Chargers could take consolation in the return of tight end Kellen Winslow, who caught two passes after being gone almost a year to the day with a knee injury, and Dan Fouts, who quarterbacked a fourth-quarter touchdown drive after missing two games with a knee injury.

While Missouri's major league baseball teams were playing the I-70 World Series, its football Chiefs and Cardinals were losing their third straight games. Kansas City quarterback Todd Blackledge, replacing injured Bill Kenney, threw six interceptions in a 16-0 loss to the undefeated (7-0) Los Angeles Rams at Arrowhead Stadium. St. Louis quarterback Neil Lomax was sacked six times in a 23-10 loss at Pittsburgh, which had lost three in a row.

The Steelers jumped to a 14-3 lead in a three-minute span in the first quarter and didn't let the Cardinals cross midfield again until the fourth quarter. In St. Louis's three straight defeats, it had two defensive sacks and scored a total of 27 points after averaging 32 in the first four games.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:

ROBERT H. SHAVER

AFC offense: Greg Bell

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

NFC offense: Ron Jaworski

AFC OFFENSE—Greg Bell, *running back, Buffalo Bills*
Bell ran 22 times for 80 yards and the Bills' first two touchdowns in a 21-9 victory over the Colts. He also gained 46 yards on two catches, remaining the only AFC player besides Miami's Tony Nathan to lead his team in rushing and receiving.

AFC DEFENSE—Andre Tippett, *linebacker, New England Patriots*
Tippett had three sacks, a fumble recovery, and five tackles in the Patriots' 20-13 victory over the Jets.

NFC OFFENSE—Ron Jaworski, *quarterback, Philadelphia Eagles*
Jaworski's 22-for-35 passing produced a career-high 380 yards, one touchdown, and no interceptions against the league-leading Dallas secondary in Philadelphia's 16-14 upset victory.

NFC DEFENSE—Lawrence Taylor, *linebacker, New York Giants*
Overcoming "personal problems," Taylor sparked the New York Giants' 17-3 victory over Washington with 11 tackles and two sacks. "I decided to shut everything out of my mind but football," Taylor said. "I prepared hard. I got some sleep."

QUOTE:

MARY RUBIN

Washington Redskins quarterback **Joe Theismann,** after suffering seven sacks and three interceptions in a loss to the Giants: "Every cloud has a silver lining, but I'm getting tired of singing in the rain."

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Miami	5	2	0
N.Y. Jets	5	2	0
New England	4	3	0
Indianapolis	2	5	0
Buffalo	1	6	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	4	3	0
Pittsburgh	3	4	0
Cincinnati	2	5	0
Houston	2	5	0
AFC West			
Denver	5	2	0
L.A. Raiders	5	2	0
Seattle	4	3	0
Kansas City	3	4	0
San Diego	3	4	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	5	2	0
N.Y. Giants	4	3	0
Philadelphia	3	4	0
St. Louis	3	4	0
Washington	3	4	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	7	0	0
Detroit	4	3	0
Minnesota	4	3	0
Green Bay	3	4	0
Tampa Bay	0	7	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	7	0	0
New Orleans	3	4	0
San Francisco	3	4	0
Atlanta	1	6	0

SCORES

AFC
Buffalo 21, Indianapolis 9
Denver 13, Seattle 10 (OT)
Houston 44, Cincinnati 27
L.A. Raiders 21, Cleveland 20
New England 20, N.Y. Jets 13
NFC
Atlanta 31, New Orleans 24
Chicago 23, Green Bay 7
Detroit 23, San Francisco 21
N.Y. Giants 17, Washington 3
Philadelphia 16, Dallas 14
Interconference
L.A. Rams 16, Kansas City 10
Miami 41, Tampa Bay 38
Minnesota 21, San Diego 17
Pittsburgh 23, St. Louis 10

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WEEK 8

PETER BROUILLET

Jerry Rice gets the 49ers back on track with a touchdown against the Rams.

It wasn't enough to beat the defending champions. The Lions had to beat last year's Super Bowl loser, too. One week after upsetting San Francisco, they whipped Miami 31-21 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"I don't think these games put us in a class where people will be shaking in their boots to play us," Detroit's rookie head coach Darryl Rogers said. But he's the guy who had said how much he had to learn in the NFL.

Dan Marino again had trouble passing into sagging zones. He threw for 247 yards and two touchdowns, but had two interceptions. The Dolphins' defense again had trouble against the run, allowing 152 yards. James Jones had 114 in his second straight game over 100.

"I don't have a good feeling about this football team," coach Don Shula said. "Everybody is rubbing our face in the dirt."

The 49ers bounced back from their Detroit trip with a vengeance, dealing the Rams their first defeat in a 28-14 game that was 28-0 at halftime and never in doubt. San Francisco scored on its first two possessions at Anaheim Stadium. Joe Montana completed 22 of 30 passes for 306 yards and three touchdowns before being forced out with a bruised sternum. Roger Craig ran for 63 yards and a touchdown and caught six passes for 132 yards and a touchdown. "I don't think we can be forgotten about," 49ers coach Bill Walsh said.

Nor could the Bears, who finished the first half of the season as the only undefeated team. They intercepted five passes—equalling their 1984 total of 21—in a 27-9 victory over Minnesota at Chicago. Otis Wilson had two sacks and returned an interception 23 yards for a touchdown. In games in which Dennis McKinnon has made a touchdown catch in the last three years, Chicago is 13-0.

Cincinnati also rode a crest of turnovers to victory, beating visiting Pittsburgh 26-21 with three fumble recoveries and three interceptions. Bengals safety Robert Jackson's 57-yard interception return and Jim Breech's four field goals helped the Bengals sprint ahead 17-0 and 26-7. Louis Lipps kept Pittsburgh within reach by scoring on a 49-yard pass and a 62-yard punt return.

Tampa Bay, Atlanta, and Buffalo, with two victories among them, jumped to leads of 14-0, 10-0, and 17-0, respectively. All three lost.

The Bills came close in losing 21-17 at Philadelphia. Ron Jaworski passed between two defenders to

Better Than 42-0

JIM TURNER

Jets' O'Brien loses ball and the Seahawks get a touchdown.

Steve Largent was going to lose a lot of yards. The Seattle wide receiver was trapped by a gang of New York Jets when he tried to turn the corner on an end-around. But if he couldn't use his legs, he could use his head. He threw the ball out of bounds in the vicinity of his intended receiver, Charle Young.

The next play was Dave Krieg's 45-yard touchdown pass to Daryl Turner. It gave Krieg a streak of 26 straight games with a touchdown pass, second in NFL history to Johnny Unitas's 47.

It was that kind of first half for the Jets in the Meadowlands. Quarterback Ken O'Brien threw an interception and lost a fumble deep in Seattle territory. Defensive end Jacob Green returned the fumble for a 79-yard touchdown that gave Seattle a 14-0 lead 46 seconds before halftime. It looked as though the Jets would fall to 0-8 lifetime against the Seahawks.

But they didn't. O'Brien, despite seven sacks, threw two touchdown passes in the second half. Freeman McNeil, who played with a cracked rib, scored on one catch and rushed for 151 yards on 22 carries. The Jets' defense held Seattle to 68 second-half yards and set up a field goal with Davlin Mullen's interception. The Jets won 17-14 and moved back ahead of Miami in the AFC East.

"It's a great feeling," O'Brien said. "It's much more meaningful to come back and win a close one like that than to win 42-0."

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	6	2	0
Miami	5	3	0
New England	5	3	0
Indianapolis	3	5	0
Buffalo	1	7	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	4	4	0
Cincinnati	3	5	0
Houston	3	5	0
Pittsburgh	3	5	0
AFC West			
Denver	6	2	0
L.A. Raiders	6	2	0
Seattle	4	4	0
Kansas City	3	5	0
San Diego	3	5	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	6	2	0
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0
Philadelphia	4	4	0
Washington	4	4	0
St. Louis	3	5	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	8	0	0
Detroit	5	3	0
Minnesota	4	4	0
Green Bay	3	5	0
Tampa Bay	0	8	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	7	1	0
San Francisco	4	4	0
New Orleans	3	5	0
Atlanta	1	7	0

SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 26, Pittsburgh 21
Denver 30, Kansas City 10
L.A. Raiders 34, San Diego 21
N.Y. Jets 17, Seattle 14
NFC
Chicago 27, Minnesota 9
Dallas 24, Atlanta 10
N.Y. Giants 21, New Orleans 13
San Francisco 28, L.A. Rams 14
Interconference
Detroit 31, Miami 21
Houston 20, St. Louis 10
Indianapolis 37, Green Bay 10
New England 32, Tampa Bay 14
Philadelphia 21, Buffalo 17
Washington 14, Cleveland 7

QUOTE:

TONY TOMSIC

Chicago Bears coach **Mike Ditka**, explaining why 308-pound William (The Refrigerator) Perry didn't carry the ball after scoring the previous week: "We didn't get a chance to use the reverse to him. We'll get to it next week"

Ditka, on when he'll let Perry throw a pass: "As soon as he jumps over the goal post."

RICHARD GENTILE

Eagles' Hopkins cuts off Bills.

Mike Quick for the decisive 32-yard touchdown with 1:55 to play. "Right on my chest," Quick said of the pass. "The character of this team compares to the 1980 [Super Bowl XV] team," Jaworski said after the 21-point fourth quarter. Jaworski ran for the first touchdown, completing a 77-yard drive that began after Eagles nose tackle Ken Clarke stopped Bills quarterback Vince Ferragamo's sneak on fourth-and-inches. Safety Wes Hopkins followed Jaworski's touchdown with one of his own on a 24-yard interception return.

The Falcons lost 24-10 at Dallas, where Tony Dorsett ran 60 yards for a touchdown and Tony Hill gained 161 yards on 10 receptions, one for a 35-yard score. The Cowboys' defense had five sacks and four interceptions. The Falcons' Mick Luckhurst's consecutive field-goal streak ended at 17, third-longest in NFL history.

The Buccaneers managed only 69 second-half yards in their 32-14 loss to New England. "I don't know how we can get much lower," said quarterback Steve DeBerg, who threw two interceptions and was tackled by Don Blackmon for a safety. Patriots running back Craig James ran for two touchdowns and passed for another.

The Giants' decision to feature their running game paid off with Joe Morris's 104 yards, rookie George Adams's 89, and a 21-13 victory at New Orleans. The defense set up scoring drives of 24, 12, and 22 yards with cornerback Elvis Patterson's interception and fumble recovery and another interception by NFL sack leader Leonard Marshall.

The Raiders also combined rushing and defense. Their 34-21 victory over visiting San Diego made their Monday night record 23-3-1. Marcus Allen ran for 111 yards and three touchdowns, and the Raiders' defense sacked quarterback Dan Fouts six times.

St. Louis and Kansas City each had two punts blocked in defeats, although one of Cardinals punter Carl Birdsong's batted kicks crossed the line of scrimmage. On the one that did not, the Oilers' Mike Akiu took the ball in for a touchdown that finished the scoring in Houston's 20-10 victory at St. Louis. Stump Mitchell, in his first start of the season, gained 148 yards on 21 carries and 63 more on four pass receptions for the Cardinals.

The Chiefs' Jim Arnold never had a punt blocked before Denver's Randy Robbins nailed two in the Broncos' 30-10 victory at Kansas City. Denver led 24-0 in the first 20 minutes before the Chiefs made a first down.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

STEVE SWOPE

AFC defense: Eugene Daniel

DAVE CROSS

NFC offense: Eric Hipple

AFC OFFENSE: Wayne Capers, *wide receiver, Indianapolis Colts*
Capers caught five passes for 104 yards and touchdowns of 39 and 33 yards. He also scored on a 20-yard end-around in the Colts' 37-10 victory over Green Bay at the Hoosier Dome. "I tried to set some goals for myself," said Capers, who made his first start for the Colts after being signed as a free agent, "but after the second touchdown, I said, 'Hey, I'm past what I want to do. Now I can do some more.'"

AFC DEFENSE: Eugene Daniel, *free safety, Indianapolis Colts*
Daniel had four of the Colts' six turnovers, giving Indianapolis the first sweep of the player of the week awards in their two years. He recovered a fumble and intercepted three passes, twice setting up touchdowns.

NFC OFFENSE: Eric Hipple, *quarterback, Detroit Lions*
Hipple passed for three touchdowns and 239 yards in the Lions' 31-21 upset of Miami, completing 14 of 19.

NFC DEFENSE: Curtis Jordan, *free safety, Washington Redskins*
Jordan recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass, and made 15 tackles and four assists in helping the Redskins to a 14-7 victory at Cleveland. Jordan returned his interception 32 yards to the Browns' 25 in the game's first minute, setting up John Riggins's short touchdown run. Riggins scored career touchdown number 114 to move past Lenny Moore into second place on the all-time list, 13 behind Jim Brown.

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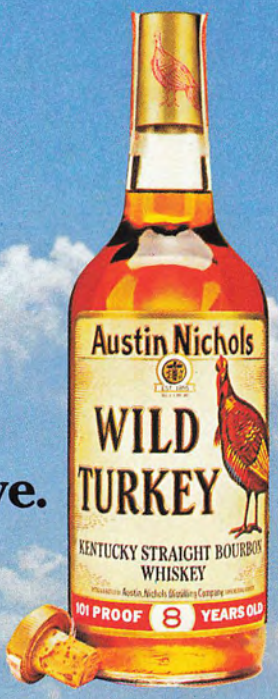

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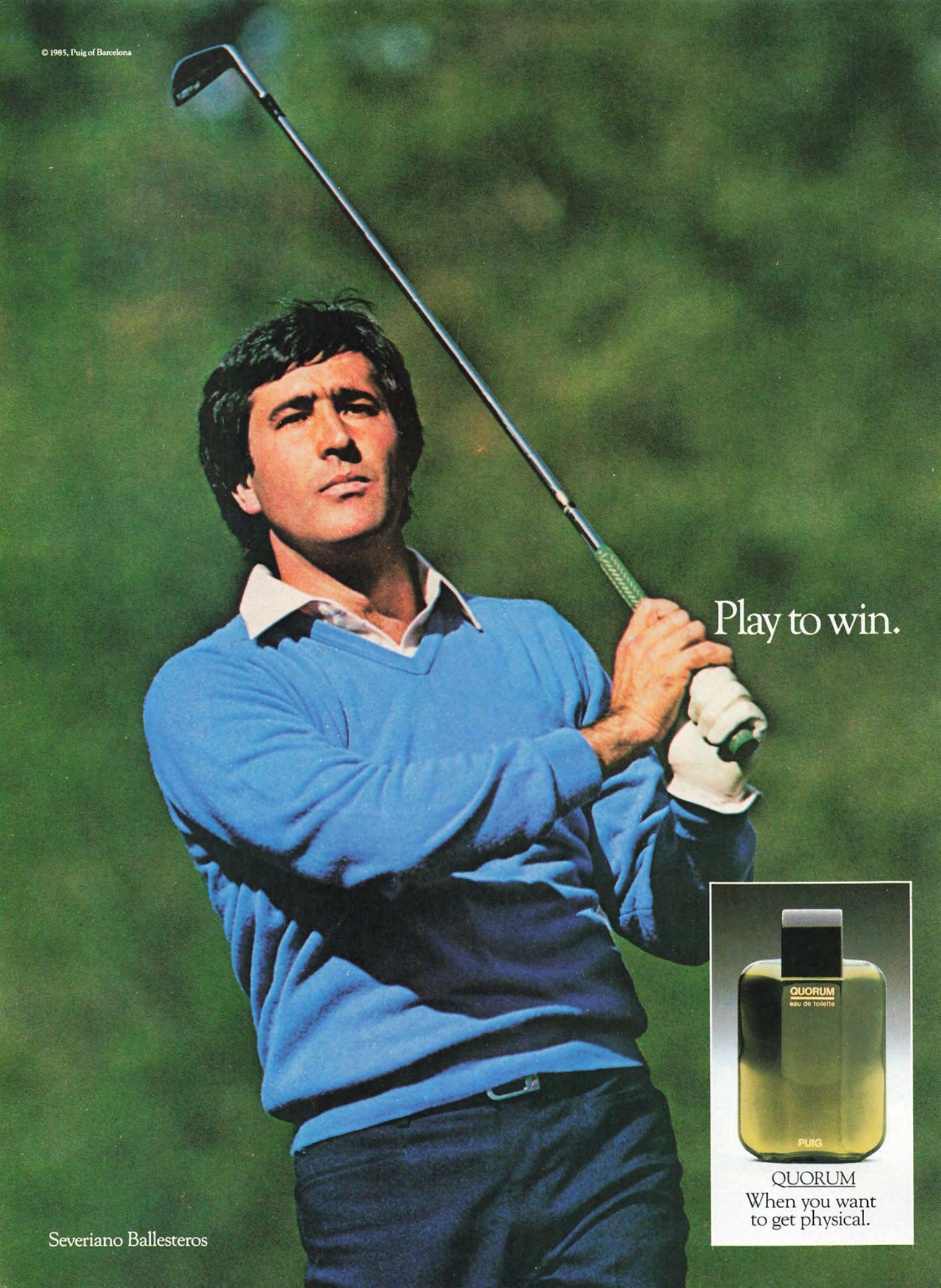

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WEEK 9

Eric Schubert's team lost its first game of the season Saturday. His mind might not have been entirely on the game, though. The assistant coach for Lakeland Regional High School in Wanaque, New Jersey, had another game Sunday.

And what a game. On his third day with the New York Giants, Schubert kicked field goals of 24, 36, 24, 41, and 33 yards in the Giants' 22-20 home victory over Tampa Bay. He was the first player ever to kick five field goals in an NFL debut.

JIM TURNER

High school coach Eric Schubert kicks one of his five field goals for the Giants.

"The only time I was nervous," he said, "was when [Giants coach] Bill Parcells called Thursday." Parcells had cut Schubert in August, but he suddenly needed him. He had cut Jess Atkinson Monday, then learned on Thursday that regular placekicker Ali Haji-Sheikh wasn't ready to come off the injured reserve list.

Schubert was ready. He had been kicking twice a day while coaching for $1,000 and working as a substitute teacher of math for $36 a day. For his game with the Giants he made about $3,500.

The Giants' other scorer was Joe Morris, whose 132 rushing yards made him one of 13 runners to go over 100—the most ever for an NFL week.

Three of them played in Atlanta, where the Washington Redskins beat the Falcons 44-10. Without star runner John Riggins and star blocker Joe Jacoby, the Redskins got 124 yards from George Rogers and 164 from Keith Griffin, who went into the game with a season total of 144. "Everybody knows Archie, but I'm trying to make a name for myself," Griffin said, referring to his brother, who won two Heisman Trophies. Atlanta's Gerald Riggs was the second man in 39 games to rush for 100 against Washington.

The AFC Central Division achieved ultimate parity with all four teams tied at 4-5. Gary Anderson's 25-yard field goal with nine seconds left carried Pittsburgh past Cleveland 10-9; Tony Zendejas's 38-yard field goal with 14 seconds left gave Houston a 23-20 win over Kansas City; and 270-pound Larry Kinnebrew's career-high 128 yards rushing helped Cincinnati to

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CORKY TREWIN

VIC MILTON

AFC defense: Terry Taylor ***NFC offense: Walter Payton***

AFC OFFENSE: Dan Fouts, *quarterback, San Diego Chargers*
His 302 yards on 23-of-34 passing gave Fouts an NFL record of 44 300-yard games. He passed for two touchdowns as the Chargers beat Denver 30-10 at San Diego.

AFC DEFENSE: Terry Taylor, *cornerback, Seattle Seahawks*
Taylor returned an interception 75 yards for a touchdown and blocked a field goal with his face mask, setting up Byron Walker's 56-yard touchdown return. The plays, in Seattle's 23-point second quarter, led to a 33-3 victory at home that ended the Raiders' five-game winning streak. Seattle had four interceptions, a fumble recovery, and six sacks.

NFC OFFENSE: Walter Payton, *running back, Chicago Bears*
Payton ran for 192 yards—his highest total in eight years, tied for his third-highest ever, and tied for his best this season—and scored the winning touchdown from 27 yards in the Bears' 16-10 victory at Green Bay. He passed 14,000 yards by 153.

NFC DEFENSE: Leonard Smith, *safety, St. Louis Cardinals*
Smith had nine tackles, one of the Cardinals' four sacks, and their only interception. St. Louis came from behind 10-0 at halftime to break a four-game losing streak and beat visiting Dallas 21-10 on Monday night.

QUOTE:

BRIAN DRAKE

Los Angeles Raiders cornerback **Lester Hayes,** after a 33-3 loss to the Seahawks in Seattle: "We can't beat these guys here. They could give us an all-star team and we couldn't beat them. This is the only place where the forty-five man unit has some doubt. It's a Seahawk-ism."

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	7	2	0
New England	6	3	0
Miami	5	4	0
Indianapolis	3	6	0
Buffalo	1	8	0
AFC Central	**W**	**L**	**T**
Cincinnati	4	5	0
Cleveland	4	5	0
Houston	4	5	0
Pittsburgh	4	5	0
AFC West	**W**	**L**	**T**
Denver	6	3	0
L.A. Raiders	6	3	0
Seattle	5	4	0
San Diego	4	5	0
Kansas City	3	6	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	6	3	0
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0
Washington	5	4	0
Philadelphia	4	5	0
St. Louis	4	5	0
NFC Central	**W**	**L**	**T**
Chicago	9	0	0
Detroit	5	4	0
Minnesota	5	4	0
Green Bay	3	6	0
Tampa Bay	0	9	0
NFC West	**W**	**L**	**T**
L.A. Rams	8	1	0
San Francisco	5	4	0
New Orleans	3	6	0
Atlanta	1	8	0

SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 23, Buffalo 17
Houston 23, Kansas City 20
New England 17, Miami 13
N.Y. Jets 35, Indianapolis 17
Pittsburgh 10, Cleveland 9
San Diego 30, Denver 10
Seattle 33, L.A. Raiders 3
NFC
Chicago 16, Green Bay 10
L.A. Rams 28, New Orleans 10
Minnesota 16, Detroit 13
N.Y. Giants 22, Tampa Bay 20
St. Louis 21, Dallas 10
San Francisco 24, Philadelphia 13
Washington 44, Atlanta 10

ROBERT SHAVER

Kinnebrew gains 128.

a 23-17 victory at Buffalo.

Cleveland's defeat in heavy rain was its sixteenth in 16 tries at Three Rivers Stadium, which Cleveland media dubbed "The Temple of Doom." The crowd helped set up Pittsburgh's 44-yard touchdown drive in the third quarter. With the ball on Cleveland's 25, Browns quarterback Bernie Kosar complained to officials three times about noise. The third time, center Mike Baab thought Kosar wanted the ball and snapped it back to the Browns' 13-yard line. Following a punt to the 44, the Steelers scored when Walter Abercrombie ran 32 yards for the game's only touchdown.

Jan Stenerud also won a cliffhanger with a field goal of 28 yards with one second left in Minnesota's 16-13 home victory against Detroit. Darrin Nelson set him up with a 21-yard punt return and a 23-yard run to Detroit's 12, giving him a career-high 122 for the day.

At San Francisco, quarterback Matt Cavanaugh started his second game in three years and helped beat Philadelphia for the second time, 24-13. He wouldn't call himself an Eagle killer, though. "If I did, I probably would face them next year and get my butt kicked," he said.

The Rams stayed three games ahead of San Francisco with nine sacks and three interceptions in a 28-10 victory over New Orleans at Anaheim Stadium. Dieter Brock, playing despite a kidney stone, threw for two touchdowns, and Eric Dickerson had his first 100-yard game in six weeks before spraining his ankle with four minutes left.

The New York Jets became the AFC's first seven-game winner, coasting to a 35-17 victory at Indianapolis after three touchdowns in a 3:43 span helped them to a 35-3 halftime lead. Rookie cornerback Kerry Glenn's fumble recoveries set up drives of 12 and 42 yards. He also made an interception. The Jets' defense got five turnovers and six sacks. Ken O'Brien had his first three-touchdown game via passing. Freeman McNeil's 149 yards rushing gave him five games this season over 100.

GEORGE GOJKOVICH

Abercrombie scores lone TD.

Newest Thing in Refrigerators

JAMES BIEVER

Refrigerator Perry turns into a pass receiver.

It was a big day for big men in the backfield.

William (The Refrigerator) Perry, the Bears' 308-pound defensive tackle, added a touchdown catch to a repertoire that was growing faster than his waistline ever did. And Steve (House) Moore, New England's 285-pound tackle, was a key blocking back on a touchdown pass.

Moore lined up at fullback in the Patriots' short-yardage formation on fourth-and-one from Miami's 28-yard line. He blocked into the line as quarterback Steve Grogan handed off to Mosi Tatupu. But when Tatupu pitched back to Grogan, the Patriots had an unchallenged pass to wide receiver Greg Hawthorne for a touchdown.

"One of the gutsiest calls I've ever seen," Grogan said. "Everyone in the stadium thought Steve was either going to run the ball or block."

"Next week I'll run the ball," said Moore, "and then the pass."

The play climaxed the first of two 80-yard drives after Miami went into the fourth quarter with a 13-3 lead. Grogan rolled out without blockers for a one-yard touchdown run with 3:03 left to give the Patriots their 17-13 victory.

Perry's touchdown helped the Bears win at Green Bay 16-10. On second-and-goal from the 4, he was one of two wingbacks. He went in motion from left to right, continued past a defender bracing for his block, looked over his right shoulder and caught Jim McMahon's pass without breaking stride.

"The story continues," safety Gary Fencik said. The Bears kept from giggling as they lined up, but center Jay Hilgenberg said, "I was laughing, running over to him. I couldn't believe it. The only thing I was upset about was, he said he was going to do a 360 dunk over the goal post."

The play gave Perry a touchdown run, a sack, and a touchdown catch in successive weeks. "You know, he can throw the ball," coach Mike Ditka said.

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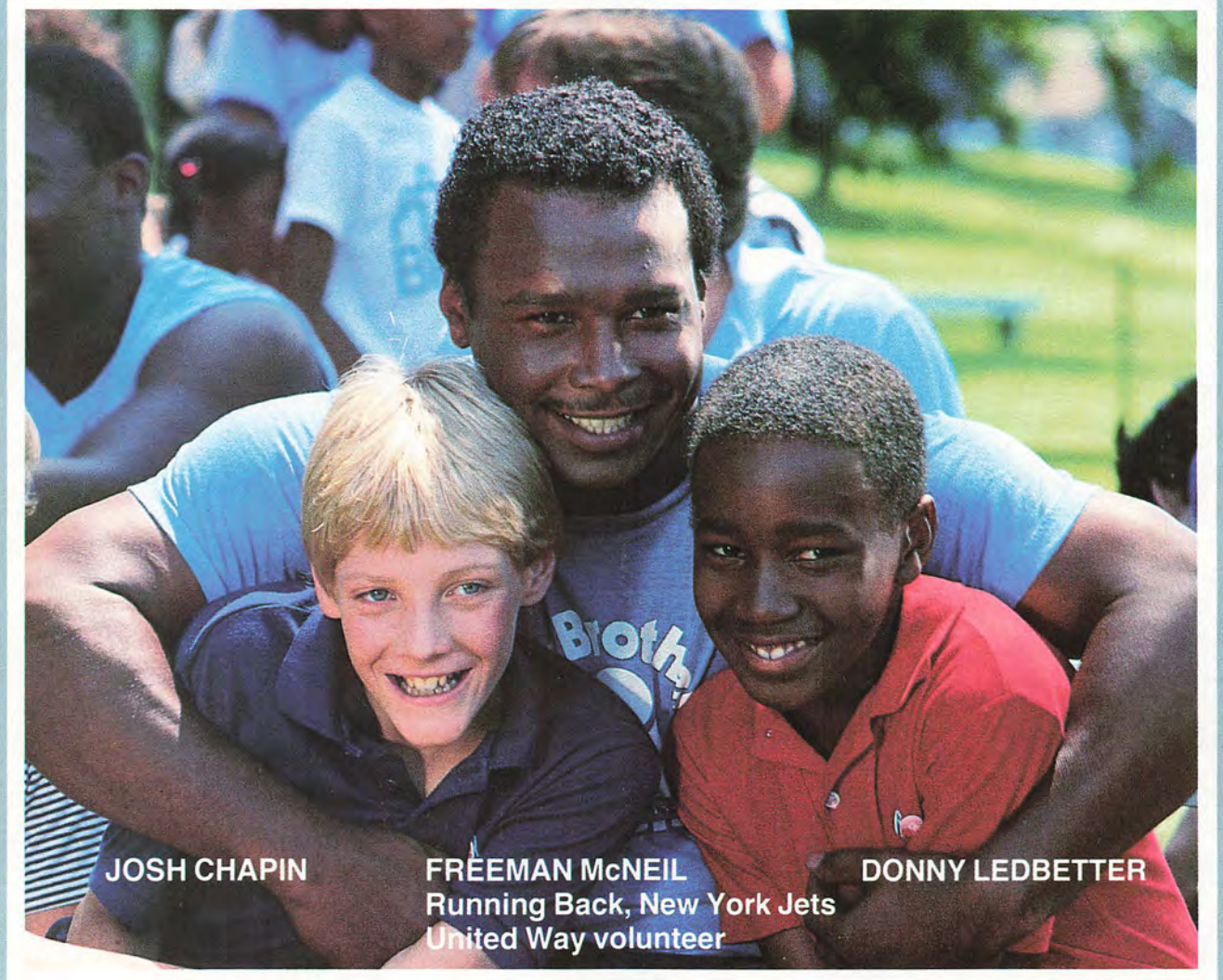

Freeman McNeil of the New York Jets was only 7 years old when he lost his father. That's why he knows how these boys who have lost their fathers feel. Their fathers were friends of his.

Josh Chapin is the son of the talented song writer and musician Harry Chapin, and Donny Ledbetter is the son of the respected NFL coach Robert Ledbetter. Their fathers' untimely deaths have left each of these boys with a need . . . for love, for guidance, for understanding. As a United Way volunteer, Freeman McNeil has become a sort of surrogate father to them, trying to provide some of the relationships that are so important to a growing child. He gives his time, he gives his love as part of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program supported by United Way.

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WEEK 10

Bells were ringing and the jagged line on the screen had become straight. But the Dolphins weren't dead yet. They had 1:08 for Dan Marino to shock them back to life.

All he needed was 27 seconds. Two plays got the Dolphins to midfield. Then Marino aimed for Mark Duper, who had missed the last seven games with a hairline fracture of his leg. Duper ran past cornerback Bobby Jackson and stretched for a fingertip catch near the 20-yard line.

He went the rest of the way untouched to give Miami a 21-17 home victory over the New York Jets.

"I think you understand how much we missed Duper on offense," Dolphins coach Don Shula said. Duper set a team record with 217 yards on eight catches, including an earlier 60-yard touchdown, and Mark Clayton's 21-yard touchdown catch was his first score since Duper's injury.

The Dolphins were in danger of falling three games behind the Jets and losing their fourth in five games when Ken O'Brien's 20-yard touchdown pass to Rocky Klever made it 17-14 with 1:08 left.

A pair of comebacks, Mark Duper's and Miami's, are too much for the Jets.

DAVE CROSS

Florida's other team needed a win on general principle when Donald Igwebuike kicked field goals of 47, 46, and 50 yards in Tampa Bay's first victory, 16-0 over St. Louis.

At the other end of the spectrum, Chicago became the NFC's first 10-0 team since 1975 when Walter Payton ran for 107 yards and Matt Suhey for 102 in a 24-3 foul-weather victory over Detroit at Soldier Field.

The NFL punt-return race broke into a sprint when Pittsburgh's Louis Lipps had a 71-yard touchdown at Kansas City and New England's Irving Fryar had one for 77 yards. Lipps's 15.8-yard average led runner-up Fryar by 1.6 yards. Fryar also caught a touchdown pass in New England's fifth straight win, 34-15 over Indianapolis at Foxboro.

Lipps's touchdown put the Steelers ahead of the Chiefs to stay 20-14. Gary Anderson kicked five field goals, a team record, in the 36-28 victory, Pittsburgh's first on the road.

Seattle's eight sacks gave the Seahawks 21 in three games and a 27-3 victory at New Orleans. Nose tackle Joe Nash blocked a 28-yard field-goal attempt that would have put the Saints ahead 6-0. Defensive end Jacob Green scored from 19 yards on an interception.

"Sure I'm embarrassed. Who wouldn't be embarrassed?" said Saints coach Bum Phillips, who replaced quarterback Dave Wilson with Bobby Hebert. Phillips said he should be replaced, too, if the Saints don't win five of their last six. It was the Saints' fifth straight loss.

The New York Giants trailed 13-0 before driving 80 yards for a touchdown

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

JOHN McDONOUGH

PAUL SPINELLI

AFC offense: Lionel James *NFC offense: Jimmie Giles*

AFC OFFENSE: Lionel James, *running back, San Diego Chargers*
James, only 5-6 and 170 pounds, and nicknamed "Little Train," gained 126 yards on kickoff returns, 168 yards on 11 catches, and 51 yards on seven carries and scored twice. His 17-yard touchdown run 3:44 into overtime beat the Los Angeles Raiders 40-34 at San Diego. The Chargers, who had lost seven straight to the Raiders, gained 593 yards on offense, with Dan Fouts throwing for 436 yards and four touchdowns. Fouts's sixth career 400-yard game set an NFL record.

AFC DEFENSE: Fred Marion, *strong safety, New England Patriots*
Marion forced a fumble, recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass, returned an interception 36 yards, and made seven tackles and two assists in the Patriots' 34-15 victory over Indianapolis. His turnover returns to the Colts' 22- and 24-yard lines set up a field goal and a touchdown.

NFC OFFENSE: Jimmie Giles, *tight end, Tampa Bay Buccaneers*
Giles caught six passes for 134 yards, a career high, in the Buccaneers' 16-0 victory over St. Louis at Tampa Stadium.

NFC DEFENSE: Jim Jeffcoat, *defensive end, Dallas Cowboys*
Jeffcoat had five of his team's six sacks and one of its four knocked-down passes in Tom Landry's 250th coaching victory, 13-7 at Washington. The Cowboys' pass rush harassed Joe Theismann into three interceptions.

QUOTE:

TOM CROKE

New England Patriots punt returner **Irving Fryar,** on avoiding Indianapolis punter Rohn Stark for a 77-yard touchdown return: "He's a good athlete, but when you get tackled by a punter, the other players laugh at you the next day. Once I got by the kicker, I kicked up my legs."

STANDINGS

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Cincinnati	5	5	0
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Cleveland	4	6	0
Houston	4	6	0
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Denver	7	3	0
L.A. Raiders	6	4	0
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San Diego	5	5	0
Kansas City	3	7	0

NFC East	W	L	T
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N.Y. Giants	7	3	0
Philadelphia	5	5	0
Washington	5	5	0
St. Louis	4	6	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	10	0	0
Detroit	5	5	0
Minnesota	5	5	0
Green Bay	4	6	0
Tampa Bay	1	9	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	8	2	0
San Francisco	5	5	0
New Orleans	3	7	0
Atlanta	1	9	0

SCORES

AFC
Buffalo 20, Houston 0
Cincinnati 27, Cleveland 10
Miami 21, N.Y. Jets 17
New England 34, Indianapolis 15
Pittsburgh 36, Kansas City 28
San Diego 40, L.A. Raiders 34 (OT)
NFC
Chicago 24, Detroit 3
Dallas 13, Washington 7
Green Bay 27, Minnesota 17
N.Y. Giants 24, L.A. Rams 19
Philadelphia 23, Atlanta 17 (OT)
Tampa Bay 16, St. Louis 0
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Denver 17, San Francisco 16
Seattle 27, New Orleans 3

in the last 1:13 of the first half en route to beating the Los Angeles Rams 24-19 at home. Joe Morris's two short touchdown runs put the Giants ahead 24-16 with 11:01 to play.

There was a controversial pass interference call against Rams cornerback LeRoy Irvin on the drive to Morris's second touchdown. The Rams, behind reserve quarterback Jeff Kemp, lost another disputed call barely a minute later when officials ruled Bobby Duckworth's end-zone catch would have been out of bounds even if safety Kenny Hill hadn't hit him. That Rams drive, ignited by Ron Brown's 89-yard kickoff return to the 11, ended with Mike Lansford's fourth field goal.

Darrin Nelson's 146 yards rushing made him the first Viking in 10 years with back-to-back 100-yard games, but Packers quarterback Lynn Dickey came off the bench to spark Green Bay's 27-17 victory at Minnesota. Dickey replaced starter Jim Zorn 2:22 before halftime and completed 9 of 11 for 135 yards and the one-yard touchdown that put Green Bay ahead 20-17 with 5:29 left. Mark Murphy's 50-yard interception return finished the scoring with the Packers' third touchdown in 3½ minutes.

Rich Karlis's last-minute 24-yard field goal gave Denver a 17-16 Monday night home victory over San Francisco, which came up empty twice inside Denver's 5-yard line. The Broncos' defense made a goal-line stand, and 49ers field-goal holder Matt Cavanaugh bobbled a snap when he apparently was distracted by a snowball thrown from the stands.

Buffalo quarterback Bruce Mathison, who ran more than he passed while at the University of Nebraska, was the Bills' leading rusher with 56 yards in their 20-0 rain-dampened home victory over Houston.

Ozzie Newsome's seven catches for the Browns broke former Cardinal and Cowboy Jackie Smith's career reception record for tight ends with 484, but Cleveland lost 27-10 at Cincinnati.

MICHAEL ZAGARIS

Roger Craig (33) of the 49ers leaps over Denver's defense.

DAMIAN STROHMEYER

Pittsburgh's Lipps scores on 71-yard punt return.

A Quick Ending

All the Philadelphia Eagles wanted was "a little breathing room," wide receiver Mike Quick said. Rick Donnelly's 62-yard punt for Atlanta had pinned them back on their 1-yard line. "The ball looked like it was touching the goal line," Eagles coach Marion Campbell said, his team perilously close to being the first team to lose an overtime game on a safety.

So quarterback Ron Jaworski passed to Quick at the Eagles' 20, far enough to get the huddle out of the end zone. Quick was double-covered, with safety Scott Case behind him and cornerback Bobby Butler in front. Case went for the interception. "I was going to make the big play, intercept it, run it in, and we go in," he said. But he arrived just an instant too late.

Quick caught the ball with nobody behind him. He turned the short pass into a 99-yard touchdown, giving the Eagles a 23-17 home victory 1:49 into overtime.

"When Quick gets by you like that, you might as well stop and look back to see if there are any flags," Butler said, "because you know you're not going to catch him. He looked like he was getting ready for the '88 Olympics."

The Falcons had overcome a 17-0 deficit in the fourth quarter. But Mick Luckhurst, whose 27-yard field goal tied it with 2:32 to play, missed from 42 yards with nine seconds left.

"If we're going to get beat, that's the way to get beat, I guess," Atlanta coach Dan Henning said.

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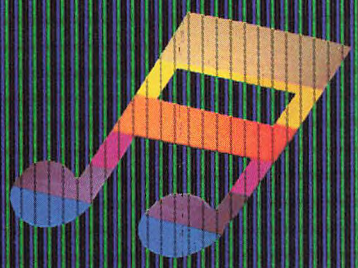

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WEEK 11

The Chicago-Dallas game had the biggest build-up since new Coke, but the Bears had it thoroughly under control by the third quarter. Their 44-0 road victory was the Cowboys' worst defeat ever. It ended the second-longest shutout-free streak in NFL history, 218 games.

Chicago's three interceptions in the first half included touchdowns by Richard Dent and Mike Richardson, which made the score 17-0. The Bears finished with six sacks, five turnovers, and 216 yards rushing, their second consecutive game over 200. Dallas was the eighth team and fifth in a row Chicago held to 10 points or less.

"They call us America's Team," Tony Dorsett said, finally smiling. "Well, we showed them."

It had been 14 years since Dallas lost to the Bears—or coach Tom Landry had lost to a former assistant.

The victory made the Bears the first team to clinch their division, 11 games into a 16-game season, and it virtually assured them of staying at home through the playoffs when Atlanta stunned the visiting Los Angeles Rams 30-14.

The Falcons jumped ahead 10-0 in the first 6:03 after Scott Case and Johnny Taylor recovered fumbles inside the Rams' 25 on Ron Brown's reception and Charles White's kickoff return. They made it 23-0 after three quarters and wound up with five turnovers and 43:21 possession time. With his fourth 100-yard game in a row, Gerald Riggs became the only player to run for that many yards against either the Rams or the Redskins.

"Forty carries has to be tough on a ball carrier," coach Dan Henning said of Riggs, whose 41 gave him the NFL's seventh 40-carry game in history. "But trying to stop him forty times has to be more punishing for the other team."

New England turned Fred Marion's 83-yard interception return into its sixth straight victory, 20-13 at Seattle. Steve Grogan hit the game-winning touchdown pass, 13 yards to Irving Fryar with 2:39 left.

The Seahawks were in easy field-goal range at the New England 7, but coach Chuck Knox said, "We didn't

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
New England	8	3	0
N.Y. Jets	8	3	0
Miami	7	4	0
Indianapolis	3	8	0
Buffalo	2	9	0
AFC Central			
Pittsburgh	6	5	0
Cincinnati	5	6	0
Cleveland	5	6	0
Houston	4	7	0
AFC West			
Denver	8	3	0
L.A. Raiders	7	4	0
Seattle	6	5	0
San Diego	5	6	0
Kansas City	3	8	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	7	4	0
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0
Philadelphia	6	5	0
Washington	6	5	0
St. Louis	4	7	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	11	0	0
Detroit	6	5	0
Green Bay	5	6	0
Minnesota	5	6	0
Tampa Bay	1	10	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	8	3	0
San Francisco	6	5	0
New Orleans	3	8	0
Atlanta	2	9	0

SCORES

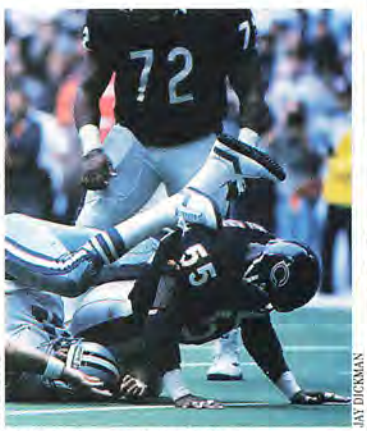
AFC
Cleveland 17, Buffalo 7
Denver 30, San Diego 24 (OT)
L.A. Raiders 13, Cincinnati 6
Miami 34, Indianapolis 20
New England 20, Seattle 13
Pittsburgh 30, Houston 7
NFC
Atlanta 30, L.A. Rams 14
Chicago 44, Dallas 0
Detroit 41, Minnesota 21
Green Bay 38, New Orleans 14
Philadelphia 24, St. Louis 14
Washington 23, N.Y. Giants 21
Interconference
N.Y. Jets 62, Tampa Bay 28
San Francisco 31, Kansas City 3

REBECCA SKELTON

Richard Dent (95) of the Bears intercepts a Danny White pass during Chicago's 44-0 triumph.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

JIM TURNER



JAY DICKMAN

AFC offense: Ken O'Brien NFC defense: Otis Wilson

AFC OFFENSE: Ken O'Brien, *quarterback, New York Jets*
O'Brien dominated the New York Jets' 62-28 victory over Tampa Bay with 23-for-30 passing for 365 yards, one interception, and five touchdowns—three to tight end Mickey Shuler and a 78-yarder to Al Toon. He completed 12 in a row as the Jets set team records for points, yards (581), and first downs (35). After a power outage at the Meadowlands delayed the start for 16 minutes, Tampa Bay took a 14-0 lead in the first 3:11, but the Jets scored on their next five possessions and led 41-21 at halftime.

AFC DEFENSE: Louis Wright, *cornerback, Denver Broncos*
Wright's 60-yard return of a blocked field goal beat the visiting Chargers 30-24 in overtime.

NFC OFFENSE: Gerald Riggs, *running back, Atlanta Falcons*
Riggs helped Atlanta upset the Los Angeles Rams 30-14 at Atlanta by carrying 41 times for 123 yards and three touchdowns. He passed Freeman McNeil of the New York Jets for the NFL rushing lead with 1,138 yards on 268 attempts.

NFC DEFENSE: Otis Wilson, *linebacker, Chicago Bears*
Wilson had two sacks, five quarterback hurries, five tackles, and two hits that knocked Cowboys quarterback Danny White out of the game in the Bears' 44-0 victory at Dallas.

QUOTE:

Minnesota coach **Bud Grant**, after his team's three early turnovers set up touchdowns that put Detroit ahead 24-0 in its 41-24 victory: "A lot of the skills weren't there...the passing, the catching, the tackling, the running."

think a field goal would hold up." So he called for a third-and-five pass over the middle. Patriots linebacker Larry McGrew tipped it at the line and Marion filched it at the 2. The play atoned for Tony Franklin's first missed extra point in 71 tries and ended Seahawks quarterback Dave Krieg's streak of 28 games with a touchdown pass, the second-longest in NFL history.

Miami stayed a game behind New England, breaking open its 34-20 victory at Indianapolis with a third-quarter onside kick. The call surprised even quarterback Dan Marino, but not enough to prevent him from leading a 54-yard touchdown drive that put Miami ahead 27-13. Marino passed for 330 yards and a touchdown, going 22 for 37 after starting with just 2 completions in his first 10 attempts.

The Colts led 10-0 on Robbie Martin's early 70-yard punt return, but undid themselves with two late fumbles into Miami's end zone and two interceptions by Glenn Blackwood.

The Redskins and Eagles also used trick plays to tighten the NFC East race. Washington recovered two onside kicks. The second set up rookie quarterback Jay Schroeder's 14-yard touchdown pass to Clint Didier, which decided the Redskins' 23-21 Monday night home victory over the New York Giants. The Redskins overcame a 21-14 fourth-quarter deficit, a compound fracture to quarterback Joe Theismann's right leg, three lost fumbles, and Joe Morris's three touchdown runs.

LOU WITT

Walter Abercrombie (34) ran for 107 yards and teammate Frank Pollard 123 in Steelers' victory.

Philadelphia went into its 24-14 victory at St. Louis without a first-quarter touchdown this season. But one play after Wes Hopkins blocked a punt, running back Herman Hunter threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Mike Quick. Earnest Jackson put the game away when his fourth-quarter touchdown gained 51 of his 162 yards. Quarterback Ron Jaworski was on the sideline during the 10-0 fourth quarter, having staggered toward the wrong huddle after a sack.

Stump Mitchell's 179 rushing yards included two touchdowns for the Cardinals. He also gained 76 yards on catches, but St. Louis quarterbacks were sacked seven times, including three by Reggie White.

The Los Angeles Raiders beat Cincinnati 13-6 with 2:50 to play on Marc Wilson's seven-yard touchdown pass to Marcus Allen, who gained 135 yards rushing and 54 receiving.

Frank Pollard ran for 123 yards and Walter Abercrombie for 107 in the Steelers' 30-7 victory over visiting Houston, the first time in nine years Pittsburgh has had two 100-yard backs in one game.

After Lynn Dickey passed for 302 yards and two touchdowns, New Orleans coach Bum Phillips said, "He threw the ball as sharp as I've ever seen it thrown." Green Bay led 24-0 before safety Terry Hoage's 52-yard interception return and a 7-yard touchdown pass thrown to new Saints quarterback Bobby Hebert by Guido Merkens made the final score 38-14.

If at First You Do Succeed...

MANNY RUBIO

Dennis Smith

The first time, it didn't count. Denver's Dennis Smith blocked Bob Thomas's 41-yard field goal attempt for San Diego 4:45 into overtime, but Mike Harden had called time out for the Broncos. It gave Smith "a sinking feeling," he said.

The next time, Smith switched from the left side to the right. He broke through again. He blocked it again. And this time, Louis Wright picked up the deflected ball and returned it 60 yards for the winning touchdown in Denver's 30-24 victory at home.

"The most bizarre finish I've ever seen," said Smith, who signaled touchdown as soon as Wright grabbed the ball. Smith had blocked a 47-yard attempt in the first quarter.

"I didn't start smiling until I hit the end zone," Wright said. "I know it's never over till it's over."

Even aside from Smith's blocks, special teams dominated the game, beginning with Gary Anderson's opening kickoff return, a 98-yard touchdown for San Diego. Wayne Davis's blocked punt set up the 24-yard touchdown drive that put the Chargers ahead 24-21 with 1:18 remaining. But the Broncos drove back, and Rich Karlis's 34-yard field goal forced overtime with five seconds to play.

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WEEK 12

MICHAEL YADA

Raiders' Dokie Williams (85) races 42 yards to set up winning field goal against the Broncos.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DAVID BOSS

JIM CHAFFIN

AFC offense: Marcus Allen ***NFC offense: Ron Brown***

AFC OFFENSE: Marcus Allen, *running back, Los Angeles Raiders*
Allen ran 24 times for a regular-season career-high 173 yards, including 61 yards for the Raiders' first touchdown, in their 31-28 overtime victory against visiting Denver.

AFC DEFENSE: Bo Eason, *safety, Houston Oilers*
Eason had two interceptions, one sack, and 10 tackles in the Oilers' 37-35 victory over San Diego at the Astrodome.

NFC OFFENSE: Ron Brown, *wide receiver, Los Angeles Rams*
Brown tied an NFL record held by Timmy Brown and Travis Williams with two kickoff returns for touchdowns in the Los Angeles Rams' 34-17 victory over visiting Green Bay. Brown went 98 yards on the opening kickoff, then 86 yards a quarter later. The former Olympic gold-medal sprinter, starting only his second game after arthroscopic knee surgery and pancreatitis, added a 39-yard touchdown among his five catches for 87 yards.

NFC DEFENSE: George Martin, *defensive end, New York Giants*
Martin had three of New York's eight sacks and two of their five turnovers in a 34-3 victory at St. Louis. Martin scored on a 56-yard interception return and set up a field goal with his fumble recovery on the St. Louis 14.

Denver joined the growing list of teams caught off guard by an onside kick. With first place at stake, the host Los Angeles Raiders set up their first go-ahead touchdown when Chris Bahr recovered his own kickoff in the third quarter. They pulled out a 31-28 victory when Bahr's 32-yard field goal broke the game's fourth tie 2:42 into overtime.

Bahr had missed from 40 yards on the last play of regulation, but the Raiders won the coin toss. The winning drive took six plays, including a sideline pass designed for 12 yards that Dokie Williams turned upfield for 42.

Marcus Allen's 173 yards rushing put him within 12 of Atlanta's league-leading Gerald Riggs, who had 1,248. He also stayed two games behind Walter Payton's seventh consecutive 100-yard game, which tied an NFL record. Chicago's Payton trailed Riggs by 63 yards in the tight individual rushing race.

The Bears' 36-0 home victory over Atlanta gave them the third-best start in NFL history at 12-0. "They must have felt like it was Sherman's army marching through them," Bears coach Mike Ditka said after Atlanta's pass offense netted minus-22 yards on 3-for-17 and five sacks.

Gary Danielson threw just seven passes after missing six starts with a strained right shoulder, but one of them was a 72-yard touchdown to Clarence Weathers in Cleveland's 24-6 vic-

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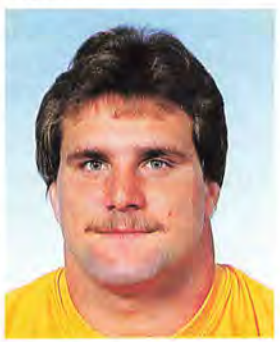

Tampa Bay Buccaneers tackle **Ron Heller,** asked why he drew an eye on the back of his helmet prior to the game against Detroit: "I drew it so I could keep my eye on [quarterback] Steve Young and not miss anything the crowd was seeing. We were all interested in getting a look at him."

tory over visiting Cincinnati. Danielson also started a rhubarb during the game. "I've felt for three weeks that this team needs to play more aggressively, so I was out there trying to talk and cause problems," said Danielson, who had watched the Browns go 2-4 under rookie Bernie Kosar.

Another notable rookie quarterback, Steve Young, became the first Tampa Bay quarterback ever to win his first NFL start. After passing for 38 yards in three quarters, he added 129 in the fourth quarter and overtime of the Buccaneers' 19-16 home victory over Detroit.

Tampa Bay tied it on James Wilder's touchdown run and Donald Igwebuike's 36-yard field goal in the last 3:38, then won it 12:39 into overtime on a 24-yard field goal. Young's 60 yards on 10 carries made him the team's second-leading rusher. "His ability to motivate was great," tackle Ron Heller said. "Steam was coming out of his ears."

The Saints' six-game losing streak ended with Earl Campbell's first 100-yard game in two years and his first touchdown in 22 games. He had gained 303 yards in 11 games, none for more than 50, before running for 160 in New Orleans's 30-23 victory at Minnesota. But the Saints needed Bobby Hebert's 39-yard touchdown pass to John Tice with 50 seconds to play to pull out the game. The Vikings had rallied from a 23-10 deficit to gain a tie with 1:47 left to play. Two days after the defeat, New Orleans coach Bum Phillips resigned and was replaced by his son Wade.

Houston blew a 17-0 lead and looked hopeless when Dan Fouts's touchdown pass put San Diego ahead by a point with 39 seconds left at the Astrodome. But the Oilers drove 45 yards. Oliver Luck's 25-yard pass to Tim Smith on fourth-and-15 gave a chance to Tony Zendejas, who had kicked 52- and 47-yard field goals earlier. From 51 yards, Zendejas won the game with two seconds to play, 37-35.

San Francisco overcame Joe Montana's three interceptions to beat Seattle 19-6 at home on Monday night. Dwight Clark broke the 49ers' career receiving record with catch number 408, a 22-yard touchdown from Montana, whose streak of 117 passes without an interception ended in the first quarter. The 49ers had five sacks, held Dave Krieg to 11-for-30 passing, and shut out Seattle until Sam Merriman scored on his own blocked punt in the last two minutes.

Three interceptions and Danny White's three touchdown passes led Dallas to a 34-17 victory over visiting Philadelphia. Tony Dorsett stayed one year behind Payton with his eighth 1,000-yard season.

Overtime Is a Loser in New England

TOM CROKE

Jets' Wesley Walker

The curtain finally came down on Steve Grogan's traveling miracle show. He had quarterbacked New England to six victories in a row after Tony Eason sustained a separated shoulder October 3. But with first place on the line in the Meadowlands, the giddy season turned to gallows humor. "They won't have to amputate," Grogan said of the stretched knee ligaments that ended his season.

Replacing Grogan, Eason was 23 for 34 against the Jets. He threw a touchdown pass that helped overcome New York's 10-point lead in the fourth quarter. And he completed a total of three third-and-long passes on the drive that led to Tony Franklin's tying 28-yard field goal with six seconds left in regulation.

But the Patriots couldn't shake their overtime jinx. They were 0-8 in tiebreakers after Pat Leahy's 32-yard field goal won the game 16-13 10:05 into the extra period. The kick came on the first play after Kurt Sohn's 46-yard punt return to the New England 15. "I was stretching on the sideline and still stiff," said Leahy, whose kick was tipped at the line.

Another bad break for the Patriots had put the Jets in control 13-3 with 15:43 to play. Two plays after Irving Fryar lost a fumble on the Jets' 4-yard line, Ken O'Brien hit Wesley Walker for an 88-yard touchdown.

DON LANGER

William (The Refrigerator) Perry dives into the end zone for a touchdown as the Bears run record to 12-0.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	9	3	0
Miami	8	4	0
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Indianapolis	3	9	0
Buffalo	2	10	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	6	6	0
Pittsburgh	6	6	0
Cincinnati	5	7	0
Houston	5	7	0
AFC West			
Denver	8	4	0
L.A. Raiders	8	4	0
Seattle	6	6	0
San Diego	5	7	0
Kansas City	4	8	0

NFC East			
Dallas	8	4	0
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0
Washington	7	5	0
Philadelphia	6	6	0
St. Louis	4	8	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	12	0	0
Detroit	6	6	0
Green Bay	5	7	0
Minnesota	5	7	0
Tampa Bay	2	10	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	9	3	0
San Francisco	7	5	0
New Orleans	4	8	0
Atlanta	2	10	0

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 24, Cincinnati 6
Houston 37, San Diego 35
Kansas City 20, Indianapolis 7
L.A. Raiders 31, Denver 28 (OT)
Miami 23, Buffalo 14
N.Y. Jets 16, New England 13 (OT)
NFC
Chicago 36, Atlanta 0
Dallas 34, Philadelphia 17
L.A. Rams 34, Green Bay 17
New Orleans 30, Minnesota 23
N.Y. Giants 34, St. Louis 3
Tampa Bay 19, Detroit 16 (OT)
Interconference
San Francisco 19, Seattle 6
Washington 30, Pittsburgh 23

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WEEK 13

Wade Wilson and Wade Phillips made dramatic entrances. The Chicago Bears' perfect season faded away. And end zones bustled like airports all over the NFL, which had its fourth-highest scoring weekend with 710 points and a dozen teams breaking 30.

Phillips, a down-home dresser, gussied up with a cowboy-styled sport coat, then watched his Saints hang loose and muss up the Los Angeles Rams 29-3. It was his head coaching debut. Phillips, 38, succeeded his 62-year-old father Bum by taking the reins off New Orleans's defense. It blitzed, it gambled, and it sacked Rams quarterbacks nine times. "It's not easy playing with your butt pasted to the ground," said Rams quarterback Dieter Brock, who went down six times.

"The emotion was almost ready to explode," Saints cornerback Johnnie Poe said. "It was like *he* [Wade Phillips] wanted to go out there and play."

The Saints scored their last 20 points in less than six minutes of the fourth quarter. They set up 17 with Poe's interception and Jack Del Rio's two fumble recoveries, one for a 22-yard touchdown.

The Rams lost their fourth in six weeks; the 49ers won their fifth in that span.

San Francisco had four sacks, recovered three fumbles, and made two interceptions in beating Washington 35-8, the Redskins' worst home defeat in 20 years. Washington's Jay Schroeder passed for 348 yards, but the 49ers' defense made it 14 consecutive quarters without allowing a touchdown. San Francisco held the Redskins to two field goals on three first-half drives inside its 20. Carl Monroe took the opening kickoff back 95 yards to score, and linebacker Keena Turner scored from 65 yards on a fumble recovery.

TIM ALEXANDER

The Saints' Jack Del Rio is about to sack Rams quarterback Dieter Brock (5), one of nine sacks by New Orleans.

Wade Wilson, who started for injured Vikings quarterback Tommy Kramer, said he was "pretty depressed and angry at halftime." No wonder. His team trailed at Philadelphia 20-0 and his coach yanked him for an untested rookie, Steve Bono.

Wilson watched Bono go 1 for 10 and the Eagles make it 23-0 before coach Bud Grant sent him back in with 11:33 to play. In the last eight minutes, he threw three touchdown passes and cornerback Willie Teal returned a fumble 65 yards. Anthony Carter's second touchdown catch of the quarter with 1:11 left—42 yards on a fourth-and-five—climaxed Minnesota's 28-23 victory.

"It was a nightmare," Eagles tight end John Spagnola said. "It was like everything was happening in slow motion...like falling down the stairs in a dream."

New York Giants snapper Bart Oates's nightmare involved a ball bouncing to the holder. After his one-hop snap, Eric Schubert missed a 34-yard field goal as time ran out in the Giants' 35-33 loss to Cleveland at the Meadowlands.

The Browns, who had lost four games in the last

QUOTE:

PAUL JASIENSKI

Los Angeles Rams guard **Dennis Harrah**: "We're in first place and we stink."

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Miami	9	4	0
New England	9	4	0
N.Y. Jets	9	4	0
Indianapolis	3	10	0
Buffalo	2	11	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	7	6	0
Cincinnati	6	7	0
Pittsburgh	6	7	0
Houston	5	8	0
AFC West			
Denver	9	4	0
L.A. Raiders	9	4	0
Seattle	7	6	0
San Diego	6	7	0
Kansas City	4	9	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	9	4	0
N.Y. Giants	8	5	0
Washington	7	6	0
Philadelphia	6	7	0
St. Louis	4	9	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	12	1	0
Detroit	7	6	0
Green Bay	6	7	0
Minnesota	6	7	0
Tampa Bay	2	11	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	9	4	0
San Francisco	8	5	0
New Orleans	5	8	0
Atlanta	2	11	0

SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 45, Houston 27
Denver 31, Pittsburgh 23
New England 38, Indianapolis 31
San Diego 40, Buffalo 7
Seattle 24, Kansas City 6
NFC
Dallas 35, St. Louis 17
Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 0
Minnesota 28, Philadelphia 23
New Orleans 29, L.A. Rams 3
San Francisco 35, Washington 8
Interconference
Cleveland 35, N.Y. Giants 33
Detroit 31, N.Y. Jets 20
L.A. Raiders 34, Atlanta 24
Miami 38, Chicago 24

DAVE CROSS

Ron Davenport (30) scores as Miami protects its 1972 record as the NFL's only "perfect team" by beating Chicago.

two minutes, trailed 33-21 after Schubert's field goal with 11:43 to play. Gary Danielson quarterbacked the two touchdown drives that put Cleveland ahead with 1:52 left. His sore shoulder had kept him out of the first half and made him leave the field before Earnest Byner's go-ahead touchdown run.

Miami protected its distinction as the only perfect NFL team ever by derailing the Bears 38-24 on Monday night. Dan Marino passed for three touchdowns and converted four third-and-long plays for 130 yards, rolling out around Bears blitzers. William Judson's blocked punt at the 6-yard line set up Miami's 31-10 lead 1:17 before halftime.

Walter Payton got his record-breaking eighth straight 100-yard game, but Marcus Allen stayed just two games behind. Allen also passed Gerald Riggs for the league rushing lead with 156 yards on 28 carries. Allen's Los Angeles Raiders trailed 17-10 at Atlanta before winning 34-24.

With 1,392 rushing yards, Allen was 274 ahead of the Kansas City Chiefs. Their rushing leader in a 24-6 loss at Seattle was quarterback Todd Blackledge, who had 17 yards. He lost 31 on five sacks and threw three interceptions.

Denver won 31-23 at Pittsburgh on two touchdowns in the last two minutes.

Leonard Thompson caught three of Eric Hipple's four touchdown passes in Detroit's 31-20 Thanksgiving upset of the Jets.

Rookie cornerback John Hendy had two of San Diego's four interceptions. He set up a field goal and scored a 75-yard touchdown in the Chargers' 40-7 victory over Buffalo.

New England's Tony Eason threw three touchdown passes in his first start in seven weeks, a 38-31 victory at Indianapolis.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MALCOLM EMMONS

AFC defense: Mecklenburg

HERB WEITMAN

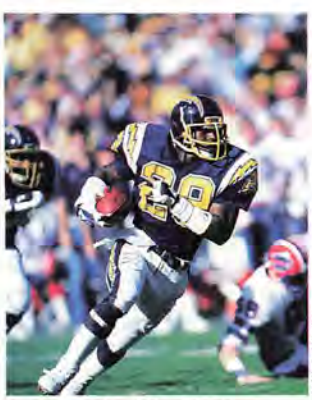
NFC offense: Danny White

AFC OFFENSE: Boomer Esiason, *quarterback, Cincinnati Bengals*
Esiason was 18 for 24 with no interceptions, three touchdowns, and 320 yards in the Bengals' 45-27 victory over Houston at Cincinnati. The Bengals, who had scored only four field goals in their previous two games, started out in their two-minute offense and led 28-0 after 4:01 of the second quarter.

AFC DEFENSE: Karl Mecklenburg, *linebacker-end, Denver Broncos*
Mecklenburg had four sacks, six tackles, and two forced fumbles in the Broncos' 31-23 victory at Pittsburgh.

NFC OFFENSE: Danny White, *quarterback, Dallas Cowboys*
White passed for four touchdowns, including two to Tony Hill, in a 35-17 Thanksgiving victory over visiting St. Louis. Hill's first TD put the Cowboys ahead to stay 21-17 just 1:08 before halftime. They clinched a record twentieth-straight winning season, White completing 14 of 26 for 235 yards.

NFC DEFENSE: Alphonso Carreker, *defensive end, Green Bay Packers*
Carreker had four of the host Packers' five sacks in their 21-0 victory over Tampa Bay.


PAUL JASIENSKI

San Diego's John Hendy

A Game Played *in* a Refrigerator

The snow was so deep, the officials nearly couldn't find the coin to see who would kick off. Later on, Packers coach Forrest Gregg had to help them find the right yard line for a kickoff. It was too much even for Green Bay fans, known for stouter blood than Antarctic scientists. Only 19,856 showed up, the smallest crowd in Lambeau Field's 29 years.

"I love it," Packers tight end Paul Coffman said. "It's me. This is what I come to play for. It slows everyone down to my speed."

Starting Saturday night, Mother Nature piled on 10 inches of snow before the game and five more during it. Oldtimers said it was the worst snow ever for a Packers home game.

The Packers piled it on Tampa Bay just as heavily. Winning 21-0, they gained 512 yards to the Buccaneers' 65, and had 31 first downs to the Buccaneers' 5. Runners Eddie Lee Ivery and Gerry Ellis and receiver James Lofton all gained more than 100 yards. Lynn Dickey passed through 40 mile-per-hour gusts for 299 yards, completing 22 of 36.

"Close to phenomenal," Gregg said of Dickey's wintry passing.

"More than amazing," tackle Greg Koch said.

"If they keep calling passes, you better know how to throw them," Dickey said. "You've got to accept the weather. It isn't going to get any better."

For the Buccaneers, it got a lot worse. They went from an 81-degree practice Friday to a minus-7 wind chill Sunday.

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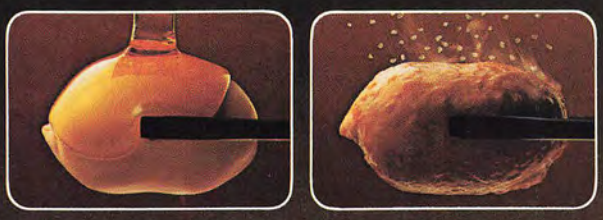

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WEEK 14

The Los Angeles Rams crashed their own funeral in week 14.

Everybody knew they were dead. Hadn't San Francisco picked up three games on them in the last six weeks? Now the Rams simply had to go through the formality of having their heads handed to them on a Monday night in San Francisco.

The 49ers outgained Los Angeles 410 yards to 264, Joe Montana threw three touchdown passes...and the Rams trailed 20-13 with barely five minutes to play. Ron Brown's 86-yard kickoff return to open the second half had been their only touchdown.

Then Henry Ellard caught a pass off Dwight Hicks's hands for a 39-yard touchdown to tie the score. Less than two minutes later, cornerback Gary Green intercepted Montana's pass, picked himself up, and scored from 41 yards. The Rams won 27-20 to clinch a playoff berth.

Dallas could have gained a playoff berth, too, but didn't come close at Cincinnati. The Cowboys allowed 22 points in one quarter (first) and 570 yards in the game, both team records. They lost 50-24.

Only 8:47 into the game, it was 22-0, a lead that swelled to 36-3 and 50-10. The Bengals' Boomer Esiason passed for touchdowns of 45, 29, and 58 yards.

San Diego outscored Cincinnati earlier, but almost didn't outscore Pittsburgh, which happened to be its opponent. The Chargers' 54-44 victory matched the fourth-highest combined score in NFL history.

After Dan Fouts's three touchdown passes gave the Chargers a 34-17 lead in the second quarter, the Steelers went ahead 44-41 with 6:37 left to play. David Woodley matched Fouts with three scoring passes.

San Diego rookie Gary Anderson's two-yard run put the Chargers back in front with 2:33 left. A missed extra point gave Pittsburgh hope, but the Chargers' Jeff Dale scored 24 seconds later on a 47-yard interception return.

Minnesota started seven rookies, a team record, then predictably played a game coach Bud Grant said belonged "in one of those funny films." There were five turnovers in one eight-play stretch, but the Vikings had the last laugh, 26-7 over visiting Tampa Bay.

Among the rookies, linebacker Chris Doleman had an interception and a fumble recovery, nose tackle Tim Newton a fumble recovery, an interception, and a sack, and defensive end Keith Millard two sacks. Jan Stenerud, 43, kept the kindergarten in order with four field goals.

St. Louis also tried something new to break a four-game losing streak. Owner William Bidwill bought knee-length maroon socks to replace the red and white ones.

"The socks made the difference," wide receiver Roy Green said of St. Louis's 28-16 home victory over New Orleans. "They were so ugly, the offense said, 'Let's score and get the hell off the field before anyone sees them.'" It didn't hurt that Stump Mitchell's socks crossed the goal line three

HERB WEITMAN

The St. Louis socks

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NFC East	W	L	T
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St. Louis	5	9	0
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L.A. Rams	10	4	0
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Atlanta	2	12	0

SCORES

AFC
L.A. Raiders 17, Denver 14 (OT)
N.Y. Jets 27, Buffalo 7
San Diego 54, Pittsburgh 44
Seattle 31, Cleveland 13
NFC
L.A. Rams 27, San Francisco 20
Minnesota 26, Tampa Bay 7
St. Louis 28, New Orleans 16
Washington 17, Philadelphia 12
Interconference
Chicago 17, Indianapolis 10
Cincinnati 50, Dallas 24
Kansas City 38, Atlanta 10
Miami 34, Green Bay 24
New England 23, Detroit 6
N.Y. Giants 35, Houston 14

The Error Was Air Apparent

GEORGE ROSE

Townsend having a ball

Denver coach Dan Reeves wanted the wind, not to mention the win. But Barney Chavous, the solo captain in honor of his team-record one-hundred eightieth game, misunderstood. When Denver won the toss, Chavous took the ball. The Los Angeles Raiders took the swirling 15-mile-an-hour wind.

"I knew we were okay then," Raiders kicker Chris Bahr said after the coin toss goof. "The wind was really a factor."

These teams weren't more than a sigh apart. They played their third overtime game in a row, their fifth straight decided by three points or less.

The Raiders had won two weeks earlier, so they could have moved into first place with a tie. But coach Tom Flores called on Bahr one play after Greg Townsend recovered John Elway's fumble. In a light snow, he took no chances. Bahr's 26-yard field goal made the Raiders' 17-14 winners 4:55 into overtime.

The Broncos' seven overtime plays lost 14 yards. Townsend stripped the ball from Elway while Howie Long sacked him. But Denver's game blew away in the third quarter, when the Raiders tied it after trailing 14-0. That made the Broncos' score for 14 third quarters 39-102.

STEVE SWOPE

Walter Payton gave the Bears a finishing kick, rushing for 61 yards in the fourth quarter.

times. He ran 28 times for 158 yards. Three days later, the league office condemned the socks to oblivion.

John Riggins passed the Redskins' rushing torch to George Rogers, who carried it 36 times for 150 yards in Washington's 17-12 victory at Philadelphia. The Eagles led 12-3 before Rogers's 28-yard touchdown run. He ran for 34 of the Redskins' 49 yards on the final scoring drive in the fourth quarter.

Gerald Riggs regained the NFL rushing lead with 197 yards for Atlanta, but Mike Pruitt's 102-yard day helped Kansas City to a 38-10 victory over the Falcons in Kansas City. Pruitt's performance ended a Chiefs streak of 54 games without a 100-yard rusher. Kansas City cornerback Albert Lewis had three interceptions and one of the Chiefs' seven sacks.

Indianapolis had a 3-3 tie at Chicago until the last quarter and a half, when the Bears took the ball and went home 17-10 winners. They controlled it 18 minutes 40 seconds to the Colts' 3:54 at the end. Walter Payton extended his record to nine straight 100-yard rushing performances with 111—61 in the fourth quarter.

LOU WITT

Joe Morris: Little Giant

Craig James became the tenth 100-yard rusher of the season against Detroit's defense. He had 115 of New England's 216 in a 23-6 victory that made the Lions 1-7 on the road.

The New York Giants blew a 14-0 lead, then scored three touchdowns in the last 3:36 of the first half. They won 35-14 at Houston after stopping the Oilers inside their 10-yard line twice in the second half. Joe Morris's three touchdowns increased his league lead to 17, and his 129 yards rushing made him the second 1,000-yard rusher in Giants history, 128 behind Ron Johnson's team record of 1,182. A day later, the Oilers replaced coach Hugh Campbell with an assistant. Jerry Glanville.

Buffalo's good news was that John Kidd's thirty-first and thirty-second punts inside the 20 broke an NFL record. The bad news was that one of them set up the longest pass play in the history of the New York Jets. Wesley Walker caught Ken O'Brien's play-action pass near midfield and made it a 96-yard touchdown, putting the Jets ahead 14-0 en route to their 27-7 victory.

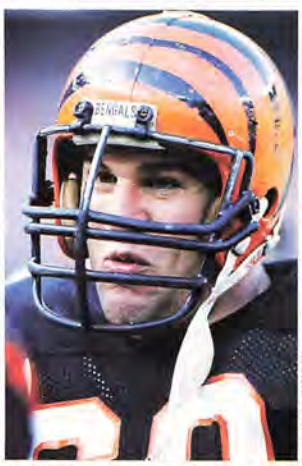
"It took the sails out of our winds," said Bills coach Hank Bullough, who sometimes puts his mouth in his foot. O'Brien finished with 370 passing yards and three touchdowns, but Bruce Mathison nearly matched him with 357.

QUOTE:

TIM ALEXANDER

New Orleans linebacker **Rickey Jackson,** on his team's drop in emotional level after upsetting the Rams 29-3 a week earlier: "We looked like a team that had a flat tire on the side of the road and no spare."

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



GEORGE GOJKOVICH

AFC defense: Tim Krumrie

FRED MATTHES

NFC offense: Jerry Rice

AFC OFFENSE: Dan Marino, *quarterback, Miami Dolphins*
Marino threw five touchdown passes in Miami's 34-24 victory at Green Bay, two of them after the Packers had rallied from a 20-3 deficit to lead 24-20 with 8:32 to play. "I kind of get up for these cold-weather games," said Marino, who completed 30 of 44 for 345 yards with one interception. The temperature was 28 degrees, and the previous week's foot of snow had been removed.

AFC DEFENSE: Tim Krumrie, *nose tackle, Cincinnati Bengals*
Krumrie made 11 tackles and forced and recovered two fumbles in Cincinnati's 50-24 victory over Dallas.

NFC OFFENSE: Jerry Rice, *wide receiver, San Francisco 49ers*
Rice's 241 receiving yards were a San Francisco 49ers record and second best to the Bills' Jerry Butler's NFL rookie record of 255 in 1979. The wide receiver had 10 catches and a 66-yard touchdown in the 49ers' 27-20 loss to the Rams.

NFC DEFENSE: Lonnie Young, *safety, St. Louis Cardinals*
Young intercepted two passes, knocked three down, and made seven tackles in St. Louis's 28-16 victory over New Orleans.

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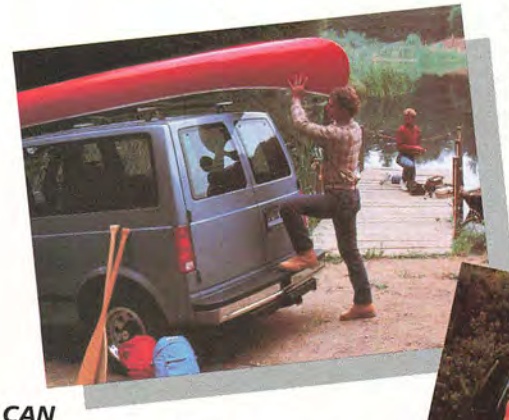

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WEEK 15

JIM CHAFFIN

Both Los Angeles teams clinched division titles. It was ho-ho for the Rams, who got the last laugh after winning all season to one-handed applause and back-handed compliments. But it was a ho-hum event for the Raiders, who have been there often.

The 13-3 victory over Seattle marked the Raiders' twelfth AFC West crown, ending just a one-year drought. They held Seattle to 51 rushing yards, although Steve Largent moved into second place with a catch in his 122nd consecutive game, five short of Harold Carmichael's record. The rivalry boiled over in the closing minutes when Raiders linebacker Rod Martin and Seahawks tackle Bryan Millard were ejected for fighting. The fracas continued on the way to the locker rooms.

Rams' Eric Dickerson (above) heads for the end zone; Raiders' Marcus Allen (below) heads for another 100-yard game.

GEORGE ROSE

Marcus Allen ran 27 times for 109 yards. His eight-yard touchdown finished the scoring with 6:09 to play. His eighth-consecutive 100-yard game put him within one of Walter Payton, whose record streak ended against the Jets on Saturday.

When analysts weren't saying the Rams did it with mirrors, they were wondering where coach John Robinson stashed its black cauldron and eyes of newt. Sure the Rams won, but they didn't look impressive while doing it. Still, their 46-14 victory over St. Louis was impressive.

They led 36-7 at halftime. They held St. Louis to 80 yards in the first half, including the Cardinals' 78-yard touchdown drive with the opening kickoff. They scored touchdowns on five of their first six possessions. They scored 16 points in the last 2:02 before halftime, sandwiching touchdowns around a safety. "They moved up and down the field and we were just hanging on for dear life," St. Louis coach Jim Hanifan said.

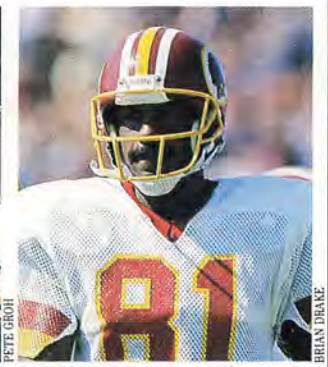
The Rams had big games

QUOTE:

San Diego coach **Don Coryell**, on the nickname "Street People" for Chargers offensive linemen Dennis McKnight, Jim Leonard, Don Macek, Ed White, and Jim Lachey: "I don't mean they're a bunch of winos. They are street-tough and street-smart."

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PETE GROH


BRIAN DRAKE

AFC offense: Bernie Kosar *NFC offense: Art Monk*

AFC OFFENSE: Bernie Kosar, *quarterback, Cleveland Browns*
The rookie had his first three-touchdown-pass day and ran for the other score in Cleveland's 28-21 victory over visiting Houston, which had replaced Hugh Campbell with interim coach Jerry Glanville during the week. In a minus-7 wind chill, Kosar completed 14 of 28 for 161 yards.

AFC DEFENSE: Glenn Blackwood, *safety, Miami Dolphins*
Blackwood made five tackles, knocked down four passes, and intercepted two, ending New England's last-ditch drive with his second. The Patriots had tied the score at 27 on two fourth-quarter plays, Mosi Tatupu's one-yard run and Cedric Jones's 16-yard return of the fumbled kickoff. "We always find ways to keep 'em interesting," coach Don Shula said after Fuad Reveiz's 47-yard field goal decided the Dolphins' 30-27 victory, their sixth in a row and New England's eighteenth consecutive loss in Miami.

NFC OFFENSE: Art Monk, *wide receiver, Washington Redskins*
Monk set two Washington Redskins records with 13 catches for 230 yards. He scored a touchdown in the host Redskins' 27-24 victory over Cincinnati, but said the hero was quarterback Jay Schroeder, who repeatedly doubled over in pain from a cracked rib, but stayed in the game to pass for 273 yards.

NFC DEFENSE: Jim Jeffcoat, *defensive end, Dallas Cowboys*
Jeffcoat had two sacks and turned around the Cowboys' key game with the New York Giants with a 65-yard touchdown on an interception return, helping the Cowboys to a 28-21 victory.

JIM TURNER

from two players who spent the season in the center of critics' dartboards. Dieter Brock passed for four touchdowns, including two for more than 40 yards. Eric Dickerson ran 20 times for 124 yards and two touchdowns.

It was the Rams' first NFC West championship since their seventh in a row in 1979. Why so long? "All the other teams were beating us," 11-year guard Dennis Harrah said.

Even with Payton held to 53 yards, the Bears controlled the ball 39:36, limited the Jets to 159 yards and 11 first downs, and won 19-6 at the Meadowlands. Kevin Butler's four field goals—two into wind gusting close to 30 miles per hour—gave him 12 in a row and put him within one point of Gale Sayers's NFL rookie scoring record.

Denver overcame John Elway's five interceptions to beat Kansas City 14-13 in the other Saturday game. Albert Lewis's second interception set up a 28-yard drive that ended with Todd Blackledge's seven-yard touchdown pass, which put the Chiefs ahead 13-7 with 6:59 left. They seemed to wrap it up when Denver's Steve Sewell fumbled inside the 10 with 2:30 left.

But the Broncos' defense forced a punt and Elway's 42-yard pass to Steve Watson put the ball on the Kansas City 17. Sammy Winder scored the winning touchdown from the 1 with 22 seconds left, 17 days after arthroscopic knee surgery.

Chicago's Dan Hampton wraps up the Jets' Ken O'Brien (above); Denver's Ken Woodard (below) wraps up a victory.

JOHN BETANCOURT

Winning With a No-Name Quarterback

As it turned out, staying ahead was more dicey for the Dallas Cowboys than coming from behind. But two minutes before halftime, it looked as if they would only stay behind. The New York Giants had dominated the first half more than their 14-7 lead suggested. Now they had a first down at the Cowboys' 22.

That was when defensive end Ed Jones tipped Phil Simms's pass. Jim Jeffcoat caught it on the fly and ran 65 yards for the tying touchdown 1:47 before halftime.

Just 46 seconds later, Danny White's 12-yard pass to Mike Renfro made it 21-14. It was one play after Everson Walls's rush forced Giants punter Sean Landeta into an incomplete pass.

But White left the game twice with a sore shoulder. Then Gary Hogeboom, whose 58-yard touchdown pass to Renfro on third-and-27 had made it 7-0, took a shot to the head in the third quarter and couldn't continue. All the Cowboys had was second-year quarterback Steve Pelluer, who had never taken an NFL snap and hadn't practiced with the Cowboys' first-stringers since training camp.

"It was so bad, our equipment manager was trying on helmets," safety Bill Bates said.

But Pelluer made good. He did nothing spectacular, but nothing atrocious. He engineered a 72-yard touchdown drive in 11 plays—most of them runs by Tony Dorsett—to make it 28-14 with 4:06 to play. That wrapped up Dallas's 28-21 victory, which also wrapped up its first NFC East crown in four years.

Washington's comeback was equally dramatic. The Redskins had trailed Cincinnati 24-7 early in the second quarter. The Bengals continued using a no-huddle offense, and Boomer Esiason passed for 357 yards and two touchdowns, but they didn't score after the first 17 minutes. George Rogers, who had fumbled three times, ran 34 yards for the decisive touchdown with 7:25 to play, and the Redskins won 27-24.

Pittsburgh cut it still closer in beating Buffalo 30-24. The Steelers trailed 24-20 in the last five minutes and got Walter Abercrombie's winning two-yard run with 47 seconds left.

Buffalo took a 21-0 lead after Greg Bell's 77-yard run and Donald Wilson's 61-yard fumble return. Third-string quarterback Scott Campbell had to rally the Steelers after David Woodley hurt his shoulder on the first play and Mark Malone, playing for the first time in seven weeks, took a blow to the head on the second possession. Campbell recovered his own 20-yard fumble on a fourth-and-five play during the drive that made it 24-23, and his 45-yard pass to Louis Lipps opened the winning drive.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Miami	11	4	0
New England	10	5	0
N.Y. Jets	10	5	0
Indianapolis	4	11	0
Buffalo	2	13	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	8	7	0
Cincinnati	7	8	0
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L.A. Raiders	11	4	0
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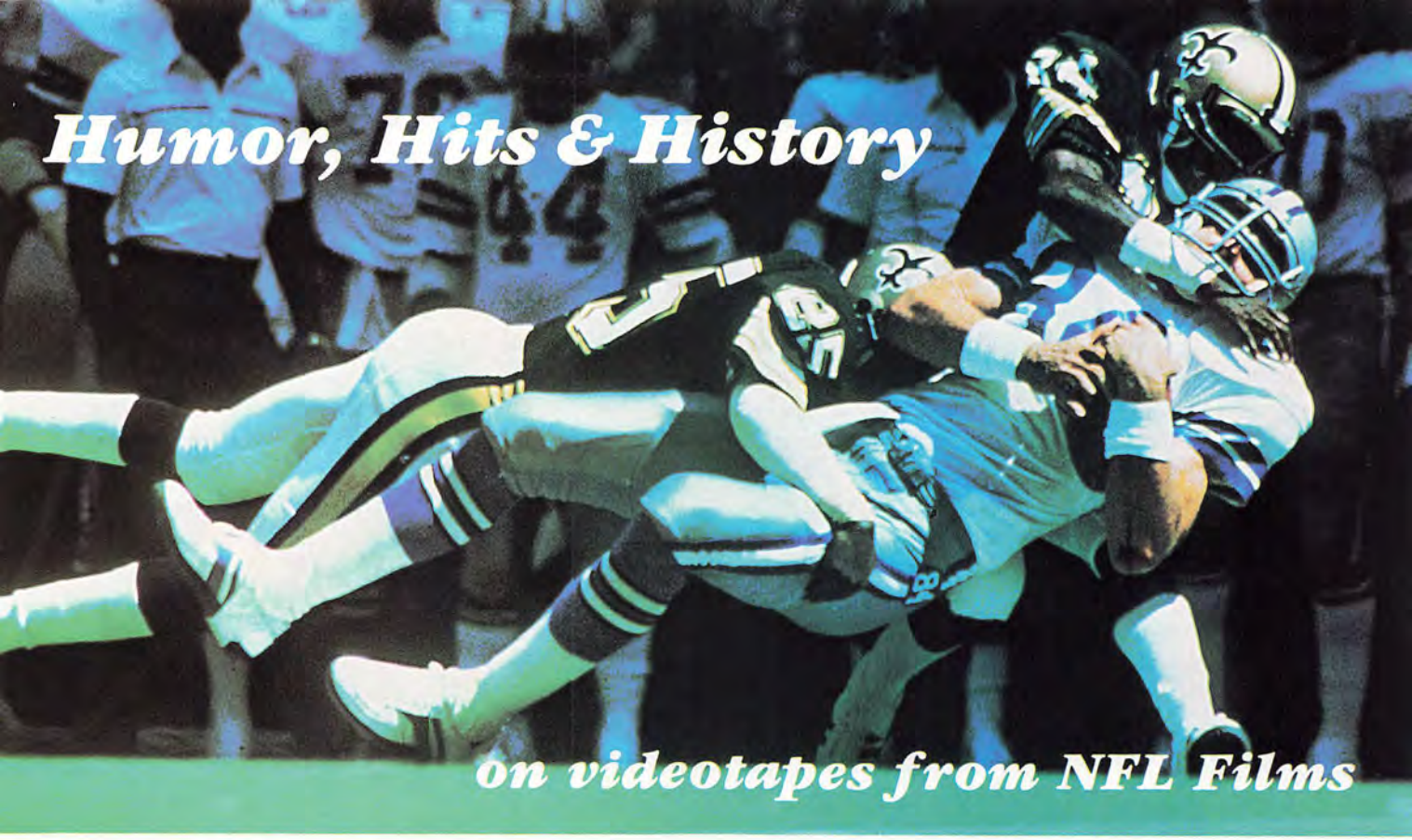
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	11	4	0
San Francisco	9	6	0
New Orleans	5	10	0
Atlanta	3	12	0

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 28, Houston 21
Denver 14, Kansas City 13
L.A. Raiders 13, Seattle 3
Miami 30, New England 27
Pittsburgh 30, Buffalo 24
NFC
Atlanta 14, Minnesota 13
Dallas 28, N.Y. Giants 21
Green Bay 26, Detroit 23
L.A. Rams 46, St. Louis 14
San Francisco 31, New Orleans 19
Interconference
Chicago 19, N.Y. Jets 6
Indianapolis 31, Tampa Bay 23
San Diego 20, Philadelphia 14
Washington 27, Cincinnati 24



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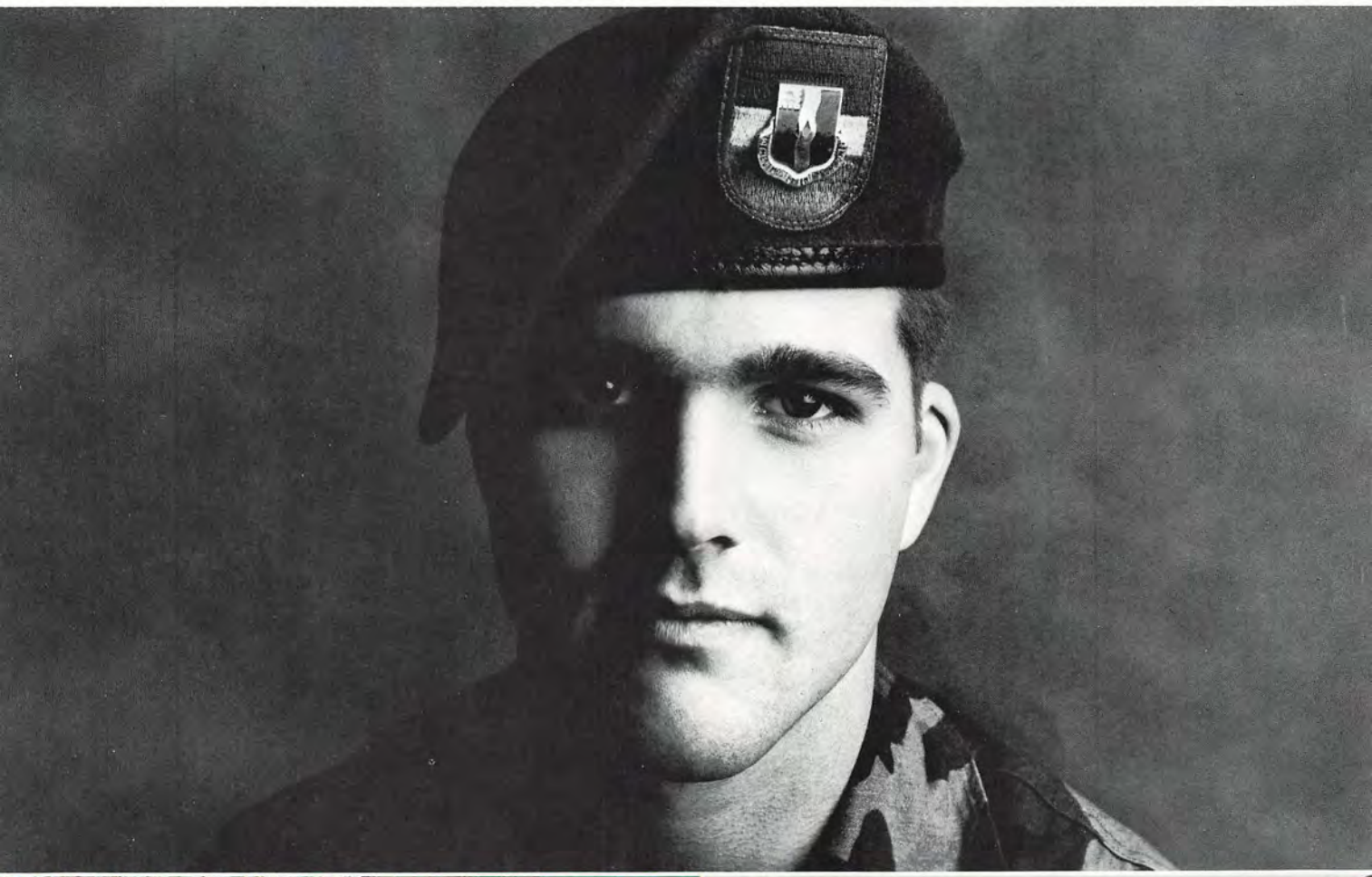

DECEMBER 20

WEEK 16

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AFC offense: Stephone Paige

RON WYATT

NFC offense: George Rogers

AFC OFFENSE: Stephone Paige, *wide receiver, Kansas City Chiefs*
Paige's 309 yards on eight receptions set an NFL record. He had touchdown catches of 56 and 84 yards and others for 51 and 39 in the Chiefs' 38-34 victory over visiting San Diego.

AFC DEFENSE: Mark Gastineau, *defensive end, New York Jets*
Gastineau set up a field goal with a fumble recovery. One of his two forced fumbles set up the touchdown that put the host Jets ahead 17-10 in their 37-10 victory over Cleveland.

NFC OFFENSE: George Rogers, *running back, Washington Redskins*
Rogers ran 34 times for 206 yards, a team record, in the Redskins' 27-16 victory at St. Louis.

NFC DEFENSE: Dwight Hicks, *cornerback, San Francisco 49ers*
Hicks had five tackles, one assist, and the third-quarter interception that turned around the 49ers' playoff-clinching 31-16 victory over Dallas. His 15-yard return to the Cowboys' 44 ignited the drive that gave host San Francisco its first lead, 17-16.

The regular season finished with frustration in Denver and Washington, red-faced relief in Cleveland, and the performance of the year in Kansas City, of all places.

The Chiefs-Chargers game meant nothing. At least, it wasn't part of the scramble for playoff berths from New England to San Francisco. But it meant enough for Stephone Paige to have him put a flak jacket over his painfully bruised ribs, then go out to break a 40-year-old NFL record with 309 yards on eight receptions in a 38-34 victory.

Paige had six of his eight catches for 258 yards when he left the game late in the first half. He returned midway through the third quarter, but after he boosted his total to 297, he wasn't sure he could continue. "My ribs really hurt," he said, "but when I found out how close I was, they stopped hurting. I just sucked it up and went for it."

Paige's 12-yard catch in the fourth quarter broke the record of 303 yards, set by the Cleveland Rams' Jim Benton in 1945—15 years before Paige was born.

The Broncos and the Redskins went out before they were ready, all dressed for the playoffs with nowhere to go. Denver came through with a 27-24 victory at Seattle Friday night. Washington won 27-16 Saturday at St. Louis; Cardinals coach Jim Hanifan and his staff were fired after the game. But all the other wild-card contenders won, too. Denver became the first 11-5 team ever to miss the playoffs. The Redskins became the NFC's—and Washington's—second 10-6 team to miss.

The Browns became the NFL's first division winner without a winning record. Cleveland clinched the AFC Central Saturday when the New York Giants' 28-10 victory gave Pittsburgh its first losing record since 1971. Joe Morris of the Giants ran 36 times for 202 yards, including a 65-yard touchdown with one shoe. He lost the shoe stepping out of the grasp of a would-be tackler. For the season, Morris led the league with 21 touchdowns and set a team record with 1,336 rushing yards.

The next day, Cleveland lost 37-10 to the New York Jets at the Meadowlands.

JIM TURNER

Joe Morris (20) runs for the open spaces en route to a 202-yard day in the Giants' 28-10 victory over Pittsburgh.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
Miami	12	4	0
N.Y. Jets	11	5	0
New England	11	5	0
Indianapolis	5	11	0
Buffalo	2	14	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	8	8	0
Cincinnati	7	9	0
Pittsburgh	7	9	0
Houston	5	11	0
AFC West			
L.A. Raiders	12	4	0
Denver	11	5	0
Seattle	8	8	0
San Diego	8	8	0
Kansas City	6	10	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	10	6	0
N.Y. Giants	10	6	0
Washington	10	6	0
Philadelphia	7	9	0
St. Louis	5	11	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	15	1	0
Green Bay	8	8	0
Minnesota	7	9	0
Detroit	7	9	0
Tampa Bay	2	14	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	11	5	0
San Francisco	10	6	0
New Orleans	5	11	0
Atlanta	4	12	0

SCORES

AFC
Denver 27, Seattle 24
Indianapolis 34, Houston 16
Kansas City 38, San Diego 34
Miami 28, Buffalo 0
New England 34, Cincinnati 23
N.Y. Jets 37, Cleveland 10
NFC
Atlanta 16, New Orleans 10
Chicago 37, Detroit 17
Green Bay 20, Tampa Bay 17
Philadelphia 37, Minnesota 35
San Francisco 31, Dallas 16
Washington 27, St. Louis 16
Interconference
L.A. Raiders 16, L.A. Rams 6
N.Y. Giants 28, Pittsburgh 10

JIM TURNER

Brian Brennan's 37-yard punt return put the Browns ahead 7-3, but the Jets never trailed after a strange 39-yard touchdown pass on the next series. Ken O'Brien overthrew Kurt Sohn and hit safety Don Rogers in the chest, but Sohn popped Rogers and knocked the ball in the air, caught it, and scored.

Cleveland's Earnest Byner and Kevin Mack became the third pair of 1,000-yard rushers on one team in NFL history, joining Pittsburgh's Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier (1976) and Miami's Larry Csonka and Mercury Morris (1972). Byner made it to 1,002 on the last play of the game.

"No, I've got it," seems to be what the Jets' Kurt Sohn says to the Browns' Don Rogers as he thwarts interception, scores.

Other record-setters on losing teams were Dallas's Everson Walls, who led the league in interceptions a third time; San Diego guard Ed White, whose 241st consecutive game was the most for an NFL offensive lineman; and San Diego's Lionel (Little Train) James, with 2,535 all-purpose yards.

New England earned a wild-card berth against the Jets by beating Cincinnati 34-23.

Miami's seventh straight victory, 28-0 over Buffalo, clinched its third straight AFC East crown. Dan Marino's two touchdown passes gave him two 30-touchdown seasons in a row.

A blend of running and defense helped the Los Angeles Raiders beat the Los Angeles Rams 16-6 to clinch the home-field advantage for the Raiders through the AFC playoffs.

Marcus Allen's 123 rushing yards tied Walter Payton's record of nine consecutive 100-yard games, becoming the first Raider ever to lead the league in rushing. Allen's 1,759 yards beat Atlanta's Gerald Riggs by 40; his combined 2,314 yards from scrimmage broke Eric Dickerson's year-old record by 70.

Payton added another record to his collection with 2,000 combined yards for the third straight year in Chicago's 37-17 victory at Detroit.

Philadelphia made its 37-35 victory at Minnesota a tribute to Marion Campbell, who had been fired as coach earlier in the week.

QUOTE:

Chicago Bears 308-pound defensive tackle **William (The Refrigerator) Perry,** who was tackled from behind by tight end David Lewis after returning a fumble 59 yards to the Detroit 15: "At first, I thought I was going to cruise on in. If it had been the first quarter, it would have been no problem. But when it's the fourth quarter and you've played the whole game, that's a long way to go."

The Clock Strikes 12

The San Francisco 49ers finally could take a deep breath. They had spent the last six weeks digging out of a 5-5 hole. They had spent the second half of their last game digging out from under Dallas's early 13-0 lead. But now, with 24 seconds left in a 31-16 victory they needed to gain the last NFC playoff spot, there was time for sentiment.

Freddie Solomon could play quarterback, his college position, for the first time in his 12-year NFL career.

He fell on the ball to kill the clock on his last regular-season play. Solomon is retiring after the season. He has turned his wide-receiver job over to rookie Jerry Rice, whose 15-yard touchdown on an end-around put the 49ers ahead 24-16 in the third quarter.

Both were overshadowed against Dallas by Roger Craig, who ran for the go-ahead touchdown. He became the first NFL player to gain 1,000 yards both rushing and receiving in the same season.

Another retiree was 43-year-old Minnesota kicker Jan Stenerud, whose 373 field goals are a record and whose 1,699 points rank second behind only Hall of Famer George Blanda. The Vikings lost 37-35 when time expired as they moved into position for one last 33-yard field-goal attempt.

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WEEK 17

TOM CROKE

Jets quarterback Pat Ryan gets severe pressure from Patriots Julius Adams (85) and Don Blackmon (55).

Raymond Berry felt no pain, but Joe Montana felt enough for both of them. That's always the difference between winning and losing. It was especially true after the NFL's Wild Card Games, both mild surprises inspired by some wild defensive performances.

Berry coached New England in its 26-14 victory over the New York Jets Saturday in Giants Stadium. The next day, in the same stadium, Montana quarterbacked San Francisco in a 17-3 defeat of the New York Giants.

Once again, the latest NFL dynasty had the staying power of women's fashions. The 49ers, an 18-1 team a year ago, became the sixth consecutive Super Bowl champion not to repeat.

"You can't always be 18-1...and if you were, it wouldn't be a challenge," said Montana, whose pulled rib-cage muscles required much attention in the 48 hours before game time.

"You could tell Montana was hurting by the way he would get up off the ground," said Giants defensive end Casey Merrill. "Part by part."

But Montana kept wincing...and passing. The courageous quarterback completed 26 of 47 passes for 296 yards. But if he hadn't been hurting before the game, he would have been after a stampede of Giants sacked him four times. "I'm not sure we could've beaten them if Joe had been 100 percent," said wide receiver Dwight Clark.

The 49ers' deepest drive was to the Giants' 13 in the last three minutes. From there, they had an apparent touchdown pass nullified by a penalty. "That's the best I've ever seen our defense play," said Giants quarterback Phil Simms.

The defensive effort was aided by 10 dropped passes, including 5 by Roger Craig, who said he was distracted more by the knee he hyperextended two weeks earlier than by hearing footsteps. Whatever, he didn't make many footsteps himself. After gaining 1,000 yards both rushing and receiving in the regular season, Craig got only 23 rushing and 18 receiving.

The back who carried the day was 5-foot 7-inch Joe Morris, who ran 28 times for 141 yards against a defense that hadn't allowed a 100-yard rusher in nine games.

Morris's longest run, early in the second half, went 30 yards in the drive that put San Francisco out of striking distance. Tight end Don Hasselbeck made it 17-3 when he caught Simms's three-yard pass.

The last time New England won a playoff game was 1963, but this is a different Patriots team.

The difference against the Jets was four turnovers for New England, and none against. The game slipped away from the Jets midway through the third quarter when Tony Franklin kicked his third of four field goals, and Johnny Rembert stripped the ball from Johnny Hector on the ensuing kickoff. Rembert picked it up and ran 15 yards to make the score 23-7.

After an especially hard hit by linebacker Andre Tippett late in the first half, quarterback Ken O'Brien had to turn the game over to seldom-used Pat Ryan early in the second half.

PATRIOTS 26, JETS 14

New England	3	10	10	3	— 26
N.Y. Jets	0	7	7	0	— 14

NE — FG Franklin 33
NY — Hector 11 pass from O'Brien (Leahy kick)
NE — FG Franklin 41
NE — Morgan 36 pass from Eason (Franklin kick)
NE — FG Franklin 20
NE — Rembert 15 fumble return (Franklin kick)
NY — Shuler 12 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick)
NE — FG Franklin 26
Attendance — 70,958

GIANTS 17, 49ERS 3

San Francisco	0	3	0	0	— 3
N.Y. Jets	3	7	7	0	— 17

NY — FG Schubert 47
NY — Bavaro 18 pass from Simms (Schubert kick)
SF — FG Wersching 21
NY — Hasselbeck 3 pass from Simms (Schubert kick)
Attendance — 75,842

QUOTE:

MARV RUBIN

New York Giants linebacker **Lawrence Taylor**, planning to take two days off before worrying about trying to tackle 308-pound William Perry in the divisional playoff game against Chicago: "I don't want to think about the Refrigerator. Or the stove. I'm going to throw all my appliances out of the house."

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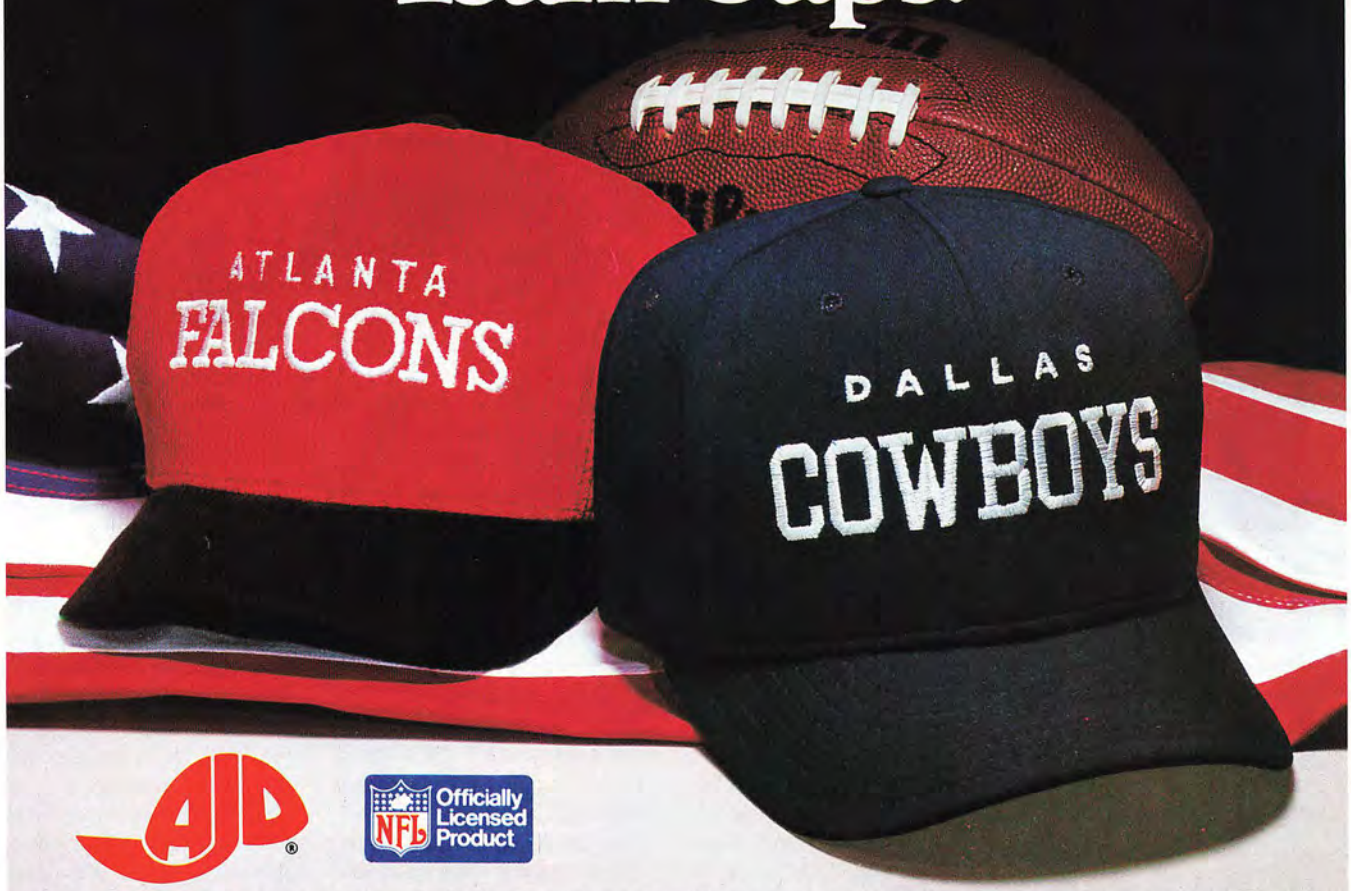

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WEEK 18

New England doesn't practice the play, but it sure works. The Patriots start by kicking off and finish by scoring a touchdown. After all these years, someone finally has figured out how to kick a touchdown.

The Patriots did it for the second week in a row when they beat the Los Angeles Raiders 27-20 in the divisional playoff round. In 14 seconds late in the third quarter, Tony Franklin tied the score at 20 with his second field goal, kicked off, then watched teammate Jim Bowman recover a fumble by the Raiders' Sam Seale in the end zone. The Raiders had three more attempts at the tying touchdown, but couldn't get past the Patriots' 41.

Miami coach Don Shula couldn't help smiling in a TV studio as the clock in the Los Angeles Coliseum wound down. An NBC camera caught him. And why not? His Dolphins were going to play the AFC Championship Game at home against the surprising Patriots, who hadn't pulled anything out of their sleeves in 18 consecutive defeats at Miami.

New England's victory was the only upset, although Miami had at least a scare before beating Cleveland 24-21 on Shula's fifty-sixth birthday. The Dolphins trailed 21-3 and needed three touchdowns in the last 20 minutes to win. And against Cleveland, the only .500 team ever to make the playoffs, the team most experts gave less chance than the Afghan army. No camera caught Shula grinning at the end of that game.

JIM CHAFFIN

Sam Seale muffs kickoff.

The only surprise in the NFC was that neither loser scored a point. It was the perfect demonstration that NFL defense is coming back into style.

The only difference was that an offensive player stole the thunder in the Los Angeles Rams' 20-0 victory over the Dallas Cowboys. Eric Dickerson's 248 yards on 34 carries vaporized Keith Lincoln's 22-year-old playoff record by 42 yards. But there was no hair-splitting over which unit dominated the Chicago Bears' 21-0 victory over the New York Giants the next day. The Giants had only three first downs and 67 yards going into the last 12 minutes.

The Raiders' defense had been the AFC's answer to the Bears'. No runner had gone 100 yards against it. New England's Craig James became the first with 104 of the Patriots' 156. The wild card team from the AFC East controlled the ball for 36:59, helped by three interceptions and three fumble recoveries.

JIM CHAFFIN

Eric Dickerson runs wild.

The Patriots warmed up for their kick-a-touchdown play in the first quarter when Bowman recovered Fulton Walker's fumbled punt at the Raiders' 21. The Patriots led 7-0 two plays later. They also set up their first field goal with an interception.

The Raiders made use of the ball when they had it. Marcus Allen ran 22 times for 121 yards and gave the Raiders a 17-7 lead with an 11-yard run midway through the second period.

That was when the Patriots served notice they were going to stick around until the end. They took the ball from their 20 to the Raiders' 2, where quarterback Tony Eason called time out on third-and-goal to make sure coach Raymond Berry really wanted a running play from the Shotgun formation. When Eason first called it, the huddle virtually shouted him down. At the sideline, Berry said, "I convinced Tony it was my call." Eason went back to the huddle and reported, "This play is going to score." It did. James skirted left end around guard John Hannah's block.

In the fourth quarter, Seale bobbled a kickoff before Mosi Tatupu knocked the ball back toward the goal line from the Raiders' 12. "To have the game-winning touchdown is an unbelievable feeling," said Bowman, a rookie safety.

The fight in Cleveland showed up in the rushing statistics: 251 yards, including 161 by Earnest Byner. His two touchdowns includ-

AFC

Cleveland	7	7	7	0	—21
Miami	3	0	14	7	—24

Mia —FG Reveiz 51
Cle —Newsome 16 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
Cle —Byner 21 run (Bahr kick)
Cle —Byner 66 run (Bahr kick)
Mia —N. Moore 6 pass from Marino (Reveiz kick)
Mia —Davenport 31 run (Reveiz kick)
Mia —Davenport 1 run (Reveiz kick)
Attendance—75,128

New England	7	10	10	0	—27
L.A. Raiders	3	17	0	0	—20

NE —Dawson 13 pass from Eason (Franklin kick)
Raid —FG Bahr 29
Raid —Hester 16 pass from Wilson (Bahr kick)
Raid —Allen 11 run (Bahr kick)
NE —C. James 2 run (Franklin kick)
NE —FG Franklin 45
Raid —FG Bahr 32
NE —FG Franklin 32
NE —Bowman recovered fumble in end zone on kickoff (Franklin kick)
Attendance—88,936

QUOTE:

Bears coach **Mike Ditka,** explaining his feeling that the NFL hierarchy looks upon his rowdy team with disfavor: "There are teams that are fair-haired and there are teams that aren't. There are teams named Smith and teams named Grabowski. The Rams are a Smith. We're a Grabowski."

ed a 66-yard romp through broken tackles and a broken field, which made it 21-3 less than four minutes into the second half.

"They like to take a hit," Dolphins nose tackle Mike Charles said of Byner and Kevin Mack. "They just get up smiling, give the ball to the refs, and are ready to go again."

The Browns' sagging defense held Miami's Marks Brothers—Duper and Clayton—to one short pass reception in the third quarter. By then, quarterback Dan Marino had come to grips with the reality that he wasn't going to win the game throwing downfield.

So halfback Tony Nathan had 10 catches for 101 yards. One short toss gained 39 yards during the Dolphins' winning drive, which ended with 1:57 left. Miami's rookie scoring machine, Ron Davenport, made the last two touchdowns on runs of 31 and 1 yards.

"This was as tough a situation as we've been in," Shula said. "If we had lost, it would have been very tough to live with."

The Rams had morticians ringing their doorbells the last two months. They didn't have the flair and pizzazz the experts like to see in a winning team. Just the victories. Even Dickerson's great game stoked the fire in the Rams' hot critics. He produced 78 percent of the Rams' offense and ran for their touchdowns from 55 and 40 yards.

But don't forget the Rams' defense. Los Angeles won the NFC West with Dickerson cracking triple figures only five times. The Rams sacked Dallas quarterback Danny White five times. They intercepted three passes. They recovered three fumbles. They shut out the Cowboys for the first time in 37 playoff games.

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Miami escapes defeat when rookie Ron Davenport (30) scores with 1:57 to play.

NFC

Dallas	0	0	0	0	—0
L.A. Rams	3	0	7	10	—20

Rams — FG Lansford 33
Rams — Dickerson 55 run (Lansford kick)
Rams — FG Lansford 34
Rams — Dickerson 40 run (Lansford kick)
Attendance—66,351

N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	0	—0
Chicago	7	0	14	0	—21

Chi—Gayle 5 punt return (Butler kick)
Chi—McKinnon 23 pass from McMahon (Butler kick)
Chi—McKinnon 20 pass from McMahon (Butler kick)
Attendance—66,030

It was 3-0 at halftime, but 13-0 before the Cowboys ran another play. Dickerson's 55-yard touchdown was a one-play drive, and then the Rams turned to New England's playbook on the kickoff. They didn't have it quite down, though. Vince Newsome didn't score after he recovered Kenny Duckett's fumble at the Cowboys' 18. The Rams settled for a field goal.

The Giants' running star, Joe Morris, gained just 32 yards, one week after trampling San Francisco for 141. Chicago made him the tramplee. "One time I looked down and I thought it was a poster of him," said linebacker Otis Wilson. The Bears had shut the door on the run and opened the gates to the passer even before William Perry's tackle late in the first half left Morris counting 10 fingers per hand.

DON LANSU

Richard Dent makes it a forgettable day for Joe Morris (20) and Giants.

Richard Dent led the charge. The NFC Pro Bowl defensive end had 3½ sacks. He stopped three runs behind the line. He forced a fumble and knocked down a pass. His sacks alone cost the Giants six more yards than Morris gained.

Nine of the Giants' first 11 possessions were three downs and punt. Four of them started in the third quarter, which began 7-0 with the Giants' backs to a 17-mile-per-hour wind and ended 21-0 with their backs to the wall. New York's 11 plays in that quarter netted minus-11 yards, including two of the Bears' six sacks.

Jim McMahon, who wore baseball batting gloves, threw for two touchdowns against the wind.

The Bears' first touchdown came on another botched kicking play, but this time it was a punter with butterfingers. Or butterfeet? The wind caught the ball before Sean Landeta kicked it, and it barely grazed the side of his foot. "I don't know what you'd call it...a foul tip?" said Shaun Gayle, whose five-yard touchdown may have been the shortest scoring punt return in NFL history.

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WEEK 19

Raymond Berry surveyed the jubilation in the New England Patriots' locker room, smiled, then spoke in typically measured tones.

"It's hard to believe this is all happening," he said, moments after his overachievers had leveled yet another monolith on foreign turf, this time the Miami Dolphins, 31-14. In the process, the Patriots were able to dismantle an 18-year hex.

Not so in Chicago, however, where form prevailed right down to the visitors' point total: zero, as in Bears 24, Rams 0.

For the second consecutive week, the Bears and their take-no-prisoners de-

NFC

L.A. Rams	0	0	0	0	— 0
Chicago	10	0	7	7	—24

Chi — McMahon 16 run (Butler kick)
Chi — FG Butler 32
Chi — Gault 22 pass from McMahon (Butler kick)
Chi — Marshall 52 fumble recovery return (Butler kick)
Attendance — 66,030

fense were faced with an opponent whose offensive centerpiece was a superb running back. This time it was Eric Dickerson, who one week earlier had jolted the Dallas Cowboys for a playoff-record 248 yards.

Though the game began with the thermometer at 39 degrees and ended amid snow flurries, the weather hurt the Rams far less than did the Bears' defense.

As a team, the Rams could manage just 130 yards in total offense. Dickerson finished with 46 yards on 17 carries.

JONATHAN DANIEL

The Monsters of the Midway gang up to stop the Rams' Eric Dickerson for a loss.

But things were even worse when the Rams went to the air. Quarterback Dieter Brock, under extreme pressure from the Bears, was 10 of 31 for 66 yards and an interception.

The Bears' quarterback, big-play specialist Jim McMahon, was outstanding. On Chicago's first possession, he completed a five-play, 56-yard drive by scrambling 16 yards for a touchdown.

With Chicago ahead 10-0 midway through the third quarter, McMahon, faced with fourth-and-six from the Los Angeles 35-yard line, sprinted right and passed to Walter Payton for 13 yards and a first down. Two plays later, he rolled left, spotted Willie Gault on a post-corner pattern, and hit him in the end zone for a 22-yard score.

At the Orange Bowl, the Patriots used their favorite weapon in their unlikely march to the Super Bowl: turnovers.

They recovered four Miami fumbles and intercepted two passes from Dan Marino to give them 16 takeaways in three playoff victories, all on the road.

Perhaps even more significantly, especially for the franchise's psyche, was simply winning a game—any game—in Miami. The last time that happened was 18 games ago, in 1966.

New England took advantage of the turnovers in just the way the Dolphins feared they would: on the ground. After Cleveland had burned Miami for 251 yards a week earlier, the Patriots figured they could do the same with Craig James, Tony Collins, Robert Weathers, and Mosi Tatupu. The Patriots punished Miami for 255 yards, with

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Patriots' Tony Collins scores.

James accounting for 105.

Tony Eason passed just enough to keep the Dolphins off balance, completing 10 of 12 for 71 yards

AFC

New England	3	14	7	7	—31
Miami	0	7	0	7	—14

NE — FG Franklin 23
Mia — D. Johnson 10 pass from Marino (Reveiz kick)
NE — Collins 4 pass from Eason (Franklin kick)
NE — D. Ramsey 1 pass from Eason (Franklin kick)
NE — Weathers 2 pass from Eason (Franklin kick)
Mia — Nathan 10 pass from Marino (Reveiz kick)
NE — Tatupu 1 run (Franklin kick)
Attendance — 74,978

and three touchdowns.

But the Patriots are nothing if not opportunistic, and they proved it immediately in rainy Florida. First, Tony Nathan's fumble on Miami's first play of the game led to a 23-yard field goal by New England's Tony Franklin.

In the second period, trailing 10-7, the Dolphins began to unravel when Marino's fumble led to tight end Derrick Ramsey's touchdown catch and a 17-7 Patriots lead.

Miami rookie Lorenzo Hampton fumbled the second-half kickoff at his own 25. The Dolphins were in serious trouble when Weathers caught a scoring pass a few plays later to push New England's lead to 24-7.

Finally, a fourth-quarter bobble by Dolphins running back Joe Carter was recovered by the Patriots' 37-year-old defensive end, Julius Adams. That recovery soon was followed by Tatupu's 1-yard run as the Patriots took a 31-14 lead with 7:34 left to play.

1985 STATISTICS

LEADING RUSHERS

AFC	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs
Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders	380	1759	4.6	61	11
Freeman McNeil, N.Y. Jets	294	1331	4.5	69	3
Craig James, New England	263	1227	4.7	65	5
Kevin Mack, Cleveland	222	1104	5.0	61	7
Curt Warner, Seattle	291	1094	3.8	38	8
Earnest Byner, Cleveland	244	1002	4.1	36	8
Frank Pollard, Pittsburgh	233	991	4.3	56	3
James Brooks, Cincinnati	192	929	4.8	39	7
Greg Bell, Buffalo	223	883	4.0	77	8
Randy McMillan, Indianapolis	190	858	4.5	38	7
Walter Abercrombie, Pittsburgh	227	851	3.7	32	7
George Wonsley, Indianapolis	138	716	5.2	36	6
Larry Kinnebrew, Cincinnati	170	714	4.2	29	9
Sammy Winder, Denver	199	714	3.6	42	8
Tony Nathan, Miami	143	667	4.7	22	5
Tony Collins, New England	163	657	4.0	28	3
Herman Heard, Kansas City	164	595	3.6	33	4
Johnny Hector, N.Y. Jets	145	572	3.9	22	6
Lionel James, San Diego	105	516	4.9	56	2
Tim Spencer, San Diego	124	478	3.9	24	10
NFC					
Gerald Riggs, Atlanta	397	1719	4.3	50	10
Walter Payton, Chicago	324	1551	4.8	40	9
Joe Morris, N.Y. Giants	294	1336	4.5	65	21
Tony Dorsett, Dallas	305	1307	4.3	60	7
James Wilder, Tampa Bay	365	1300	3.6	28	10
Eric Dickerson, L.A. Rams	292	1234	4.2	43	12
George Rogers, Washington	231	1093	4.7	35	7
Roger Craig, San Francisco	214	1050	4.9	62	9
Earnest Jackson, Philadelphia	282	1028	3.6	59	5
Stump Mitchell, St. Louis	183	1006	5.5	64	7
Darrin Nelson, Minnesota	200	893	4.5	37	5
James Jones, Detroit	244	886	3.6	29	6
Wendell Tyler, San Francisco	171	867	5.1	30	6
John Riggins, Washington	176	677	3.8	51	8
Wayne Wilson, New Orleans	168	645	3.8	41	1
Earl Campbell, New Orleans	158	643	4.1	45	1
Eddie Lee Ivery, Green Bay	132	636	4.8	34	2
Jessie Clark, Green Bay	147	633	4.3	80	5
Gerry Ellis, Green Bay	104	571	5.5	39	5
George Adams, N.Y. Giants	128	498	3.9	39	2

LONGEST RUNS

NFC—80 yards, Jessie Clark, Green Bay vs. St. Louis, September 29

AFC—77 yards, Greg Bell, touchdown, Buffalo vs. Pittsburgh, December 15

BEST PERFORMANCES

NFC—206 yards, 34 attempts, George Rogers, Washington vs. St. Louis, December 21

AFC—192 yards, 18 attempts, Freeman McNeil, N.Y. Jets vs. Buffalo, September 15

LEADING SCORERS, TOUCHDOWNS

AFC	TDs	Rush	Rec	Ret	TP
Louis Lipps, Pittsburgh	15	1	12	2	90
Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders	14	11	3	0	84
Ron Davenport, Miami	13	11	2	0	78
Daryl Turner, Seattle	13	0	13	0	78
James Brooks, Cincinnati	12	7	5	0	72
Earnest Byner, Cleveland	10	8	2	0	60
Wes Chandler, San Diego	10	0	10	0	60
Irving Fryar, New England	10	1	7	2	60
Larry Kinnebrew, Cincinnati	10	9	1	0	60
Kevin Mack, Cleveland	10	7	3	0	60
Tony Paige, N.Y. Jets	10	8	2	0	60
Stephone Paige, Kansas City	10	0	10	0	60
Tim Spencer, San Diego	10	10	0	0	60
NFC					
Joe Morris, N.Y. Giants	21	21	0	0	126
Roger Craig, San Francisco	15	9	6	0	90
Eric Dickerson, L.A. Rams	12	12	0	0	72
Walter Payton, Chicago	11	9	2	0	66
Mike Quick, Philadelphia	11	0	11	0	66
Ted Brown, Minnesota	10	7	3	0	60
Dwight Clark, San Francisco	10	0	10	0	60
Tony Dorsett, Dallas	10	7	3	0	60
Stump Mitchell, St. Louis	10	7	3	0	60
Gerald Riggs, Atlanta	10	10	0	0	60
James Wilder, Tampa Bay	10	10	0	0	60

BEST PERFORMANCES

AFC—24 points, 4 touchdowns, Daryl Turner, Seattle vs. San Diego, September 15

NFC—24 points, 4 touchdowns, Jimmie Giles, Tampa Bay vs. Miami, October 20

GEORGE ROBARGE

Rushing: Marcus Allen, Los Angeles Raiders

RICHARD GENTILE

Touchdowns: Joe Morris, New York Giants

LEADING SCORERS, KICKING

AFC	PAT	FG	Long	TP
Gary Anderson, Pittsburgh	40/40	33/42	52	139
Pat Leahy, N.Y. Jets	43/45	26/34	55	121
Jim Breech, Cincinnati	48/50	24/33	53	120
Fuad Reveiz, Miami	50/52	22/27	49	116
Tony Franklin, New England	40/41	24/30	50	112
Rich Karlis, Denver	41/44	23/38	48	110
Nick Lowery, Kansas City	35/35	24/27	58	107
Bob Thomas, San Diego	51/55	18/28	46	105
Chris Bahr, L.A. Raiders	40/42	20/32	51	100
Tony Zendejas, Houston	29/31	21/27	52	92
NFC				
Kevin Butler, Chicago	51/51	31/37	46	144
Morten Andersen, New Orleans	27/29	31/35	55	120
Ed Murray, Detroit	31/33	26/31	51	109
Mike Lansford, L.A. Rams	38/39	22/29	52	104
Paul McFadden, Philadelphia	29/29	25/30	52	104
Mick Luckhurst, Atlanta	29/29	24/31	52	101
Rafael Septien, Dallas	42/43	19/28	53	99
Mark Moseley, Washington	31/33	22/34	48	97
Donald Igwebuike, Tampa Bay	30/32	22/32	53	96
Al Del Greco, Green Bay	38/40	19/26	46	95

LONGEST FIELD GOALS

AFC—58 yards, Nick Lowery, Kansas City vs. L.A. Raiders, September 12

NFC—55 yards, Morten Andersen, New Orleans vs. Denver, September 15

LEADING RECEIVERS

AFC	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
Lionel James, San Diego	86	1027	11.9	6
Todd Christensen, L.A. Raiders	82	987	12.0	6
Butch Woolfolk, Houston	80	814	10.2	4
Steve Largent, Seattle	79	1287	16.3	6
Mickey Shuler, N.Y. Jets	76	879	11.6	7
John Stallworth, Pittsburgh	75	937	12.5	5

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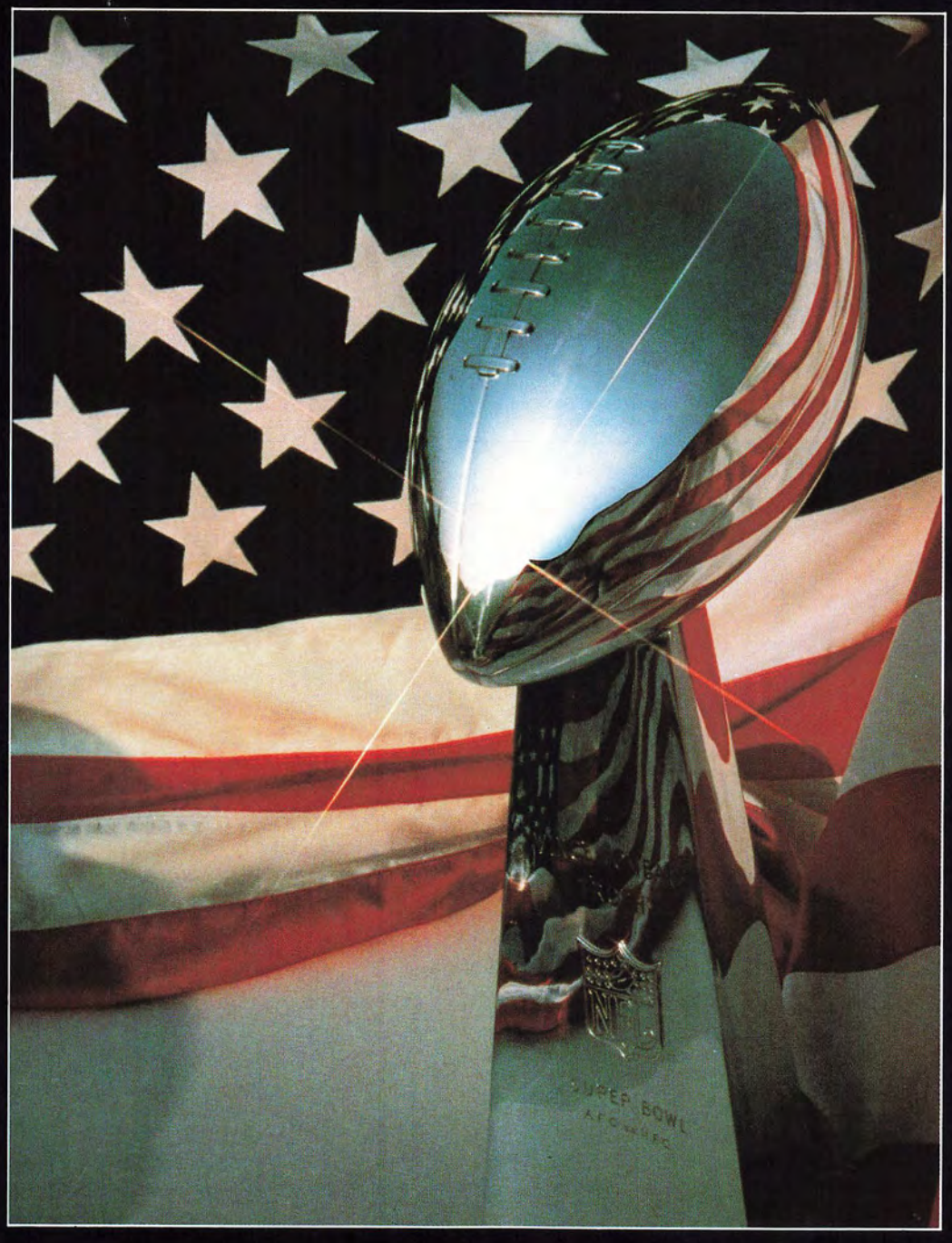

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AFC	Att.	Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Yds. Gnd.	Avg. Gain	TD	Pct. TD	LP	Int.	Pct. Int.	Rating
Ken O'Brien, N.Y. Jets	488	297	60.9	3888	7.97	25	5.1	96	8	1.6	96.2
Boomer Esiason, Cincinnati	431	251	58.2	3443	7.99	27	6.3	68	12	2.8	93.2
Dan Fouts, San Diego	430	254	59.1	3638	8.46	27	6.3	75	20	4.7	88.1
Dan Marino, Miami	567	336	59.3	4137	7.30	30	5.3	73	21	3.7	84.1
Bill Kenney, Kansas City	338	181	53.6	2536	7.50	17	5.0	84	9	2.7	83.6
Dave Krieg, Seattle	532	285	53.6	3602	6.77	27	5.1	54	20	3.8	76.2
Mark Malone, Pittsburgh	233	117	50.2	1428	6.13	13	5.6	45	7	3.0	75.5
John Elway, Denver	605	327	54.0	3891	6.43	22	3.6	65	23	3.8	70.2
Bernie Kosar, Cleveland	248	124	50.0	1578	6.36	8	3.2	68	7	2.8	69.3
Warren Moon, Houston	377	200	53.1	2709	7.19	15	4.0	80	19	5.0	68.5
Tony Eason, New England	299	168	56.2	2156	7.21	11	3.7	90	17	5.7	67.5
Mike Pagel, Indianapolis	393	199	50.6	2414	6.14	14	3.6	80	15	3.8	65.8
Marc Wilson, L.A. Raiders	388	193	49.7	2608	6.72	16	4.1	59	21	5.4	62.7
Bruce Mathison, Buffalo	228	113	49.6	1635	7.17	4	1.8	60	14	6.1	53.5
NFC											
Joe Montana, San Francisco	494	303	61.3	3653	7.39	27	5.5	73	13	2.6	91.3
Jim McMahon, Chicago	313	178	56.9	2392	7.64	15	4.8	70	11	3.5	82.6
Dieter Brock, L.A. Rams	365	218	59.7	2658	7.28	16	4.4	64	13	3.6	82.0
Danny White, Dallas	450	267	59.3	3157	7.02	21	4.7	56	17	3.8	80.0
Neil Lomax, St. Louis	471	265	56.3	3214	6.82	18	3.8	47	12	2.5	79.5
Phil Simms, N.Y. Giants	495	275	55.6	3829	7.74	22	4.4	70	20	4.0	78.6
Eric Hipple, Detroit	406	223	54.9	2952	7.27	17	4.2	56	18	4.4	73.6
Steve DeBerg, Tampa Bay	370	197	53.2	2488	6.72	19	5.1	57	18	4.9	71.3
Lynn Dickey, Green Bay	314	172	54.8	2206	7.03	15	4.8	63	17	5.4	70.4
Ron Jaworski, Philadelphia	484	255	52.7	3450	7.13	17	3.5	99	20	4.1	70.2
Tommy Kramer, Minnesota	506	277	54.7	3522	6.96	19	3.8	57	26	5.1	67.8
Dave Wilson, New Orleans	293	145	49.5	1843	6.29	11	3.8	50	15	5.1	60.7
Joe Theismann, Washington	301	167	55.5	1774	5.89	8	2.7	55	16	5.3	59.6
Dave Archer, Atlanta	312	161	51.6	1992	6.38	7	2.2	62	17	5.4	56.5
Vince Ferragamo, Buffalo-Green Bay	287	149	51.9	1677	5.84	5	1.7	48	17	5.9	50.8

LONGEST PASS PLAYS

NFC—99 yards, touchdown, Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick, Philadelphia vs. Atlanta, November 10

AFC—96 yards, touchdown, Ken O'Brien to Wesley Walker, N.Y. Jets vs. Buffalo, December 8

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Passing: Ken O'Brien, New York Jets

Tony Nathan, Miami	72	651	9.0	1
Mark Clayton, Miami	70	996	14.2	4
Wes Chandler, San Diego	67	1199	17.9	10
Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders	67	555	8.3	3
Cris Collinsworth, Cincinnati	65	1125	17.3	5
Drew Hill, Houston	64	1169	18.3	9
Ozzie Newsome, Cleveland	62	711	11.5	5
Steve Watson, Denver	61	915	15.0	5
Louis Lipps, Pittsburgh	59	1134	19.2	12
Charlie Joiner, San Diego	59	932	15.8	7
Greg Bell, Buffalo	58	576	9.9	1
James Brooks, Cincinnati	55	576	10.5	5
Eddie Brown, Cincinnati	53	942	17.8	8
Tony Collins, New England	52	549	10.6	2
NFC				
Roger Craig, San Francisco	92	1016	11.0	6
Art Monk, Washington	91	1226	13.5	2
Tony Hill, Dallas	74	1113	15.0	7
Mike Quick, Philadelphia	73	1247	17.1	11
Gary Clark, Washington	72	926	12.9	5
James Lofton, Green Bay	69	1153	16.7	4
Steve Jordan, Minnesota	68	795	11.7	0
Doug Cosbie, Dallas	64	793	12.4	6
John Spagnola, Philadelphia	64	772	12.1	5
Billy Johnson, Atlanta	62	830	13.4	5
Mike Renfro, Dallas	60	955	15.9	8
Henry Ellard, L.A. Rams	54	811	15.0	5
Dwight Clark, San Francisco	54	705	13.1	10
James Wilder, Tampa Bay	53	341	6.4	0
Leonard Thompson, Detroit	51	736	14.4	5
Roy Green, St. Louis	50	693	13.9	5
Tony Hunter, L.A. Rams	50	562	11.2	4
Jerry Rice, San Francisco	49	927	18.9	3
Lionel Manuel, N.Y. Giants	49	859	17.5	5
Pat Tilley, St. Louis	49	726	14.8	6
Paul Coffman, Green Bay	49	666	13.6	6
Walter Payton, Chicago	49	483	9.9	2

BEST PERFORMANCES

AFC—13 catches, 243 yards, Wes Chandler, San Diego vs. Seattle, September 15; 13 catches, 80 yards, Greg Bell, Buffalo vs. San Diego, September 8

NFC—13 catches, 230 yards, Art Monk, Washington vs. Cincinnati, December 15; 13 catches, 71 yards, James Wilder, Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota, September 15

LEADING INTERCEPTORS

AFC	No.	Yards	Long	TDs
Albert Lewis, Kansas City	8	59	16	0
Eugene Daniel, Indianapolis	8	53	29	0
Fred Marion, New England	7	189	83	0
James Griffin, Cincinnati	7	116	33	1
Deron Cherry, Kansas City	7	87	47	1
Charles Romes, Buffalo	7	56	21	0
John Harris, Seattle	7	20	17	0
NFC				
Everson Walls, Dallas	9	31	19	0
Jeremiah Castille, Tampa Bay	7	49	20	0
Leslie Frazier, Chicago	6	119	33	1
Elvis Patterson, N.Y. Giants	6	88	29	1
Gary Green, L.A. Rams	6	84	41	1
LeRoy Irvin, L.A. Rams	6	83	34	1
Ronnie Lott, San Francisco	6	68	25	0
Dave Waymer, New Orleans	6	49	28	0
Wes Hopkins, Philadelphia	6	36	24	1

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURNS

NFC—90 yards, Mike Richardson, Chicago vs. Washington, September 29

AFC—83 yards, Fred Marion, New England vs. Seattle, November 17

LEADING PUNTERS

AFC	No.	Yards	Long	Avg.
Rohn Stark, Indianapolis	78	3584	68	45.9
Reggie Roby, Miami	59	2576	63	43.7
Rich Camarillo, New England	92	3953	75	43.0
Ralf Mojsiejenko, San Diego	68	2881	67	42.4
Pat McInally, Cincinnati	57	2410	64	42.3
Lee Johnson, Houston	83	3464	65	41.7
John Kidd, Buffalo	92	3818	67	41.5
Jim Arnold, Kansas City	93	3827	62	41.2
Chris Norman, Denver	92	3764	61	40.9
Ray Guy, L.A. Raiders	89	3627	68	40.8
Dave Finzer, Seattle	68	2766	61	40.7
Jeff Gossett, Cleveland	81	3261	64	40.3
Dave Jennings, N.Y. Jets	74	2978	66	40.2
Harry Newsome, Pittsburgh	78	3088	59	39.6
NFC				
Rick Donnelly, Atlanta	59	2574	68	43.6
Dale Hatcher, L.A. Rams	87	3761	67	43.2
Sean Landeta, N.Y. Giants	81	3472	68	42.9
Greg Coleman, Minnesota	67	2867	62	42.8
Brian Hansen, New Orleans	89	3763	58	42.3
Maury Buford, Chicago	68	2870	69	42.2
Frank Garcia, Tampa Bay	77	3233	61	42.0
Mike Saxon, Dallas	81	3396	57	41.9
Michael Black, Detroit	73	3054	60	41.8
Steve Cox, Washington	52	2175	57	41.8
Carl Birdsong, St. Louis	85	3545	67	41.7
Michael Horan, Philadelphia	91	3777	75	41.5
Max Runager, San Francisco	86	3422	57	39.8
Joe Prokop, Green Bay	56	2210	66	39.5

LONGEST PUNTS

AFC—75 yards, Rich Camarillo, New England vs. Chicago, September 15

NFC—75 yards, Michael Horan, Philadelphia vs. Atlanta, November 10

LEADING PUNT RETURNERS

AFC	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
Irving Fryar, New England	37	520	14.1	2
Louis Lipps, Pittsburgh	36	437	12.1	2
Fulton Walker, L.A. Raiders	62	692	11.2	0
Robbie Martin, Indianapolis	40	443	11.1	1
Paul Skansi, Seattle	31	312	10.1	0
Willie Drewrey, Houston	24	215	9.0	0
Tommy Vigorito, Miami	22	197	9.0	0
Garcia Lane, Kansas City	43	381	8.9	0
Vance Johnson, Denver	30	260	8.7	0
Lionel James, San Diego	25	213	8.5	0
NFC				
Henry Ellard, L.A. Rams	37	501	13.5	1
J.T. Smith, St. Louis	26	283	10.9	0
Pete Mandley, Detroit	38	403	10.6	1
Ken Jenkins, Washington	26	272	10.5	0
Evan Cooper, Philadelphia	43	364	8.5	0
Phil McConkey, N.Y. Giants	53	442	8.3	0
Ken Taylor, Chicago	25	198	7.9	0
Bill Bates, Dallas	22	152	6.9	0
Dana McLemore, San Francisco	38	258	6.8	0
Anthony Allen, Atlanta	21	141	6.7	0

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

AFC—85 yards, touchdown, Irving Fryar, New England vs. Buffalo, September 22

NFC—80 yards, touchdown, Henry Ellard, L.A. Rams vs. Philadelphia, September 15

LEADING KICKOFF RETURNERS

AFC	No.	Yards	Avg.	TDs
Glen Young, Cleveland	35	898	25.7	0
Albert Bentley, Indianapolis	27	674	25.0	0
Willie Drewrey, Houston	26	642	24.7	0
Vance Johnson, Denver	30	740	24.7	0
Mike Martin, Cincinnati	48	1104	23.0	0
Todd Spencer, Pittsburgh	27	617	22.9	0
Lorenzo Hampton, Miami	45	1020	22.7	0
Fulton Walker, L.A. Raiders	21	467	22.2	0
Lionel James, San Diego	36	779	21.6	0
Don Wilson, Buffalo	22	465	21.1	0
NFC				
Ron Brown, L.A. Rams	28	918	32.8	3
Willie Gault, Chicago	22	577	26.2	1
Carl Monroe, San Francisco	28	717	25.6	1
Buster Rhymes, Minnesota	53	1345	25.4	0
Ken Jenkins, Washington	41	1018	24.8	0
Alvin Hall, Detroit	39	886	22.7	0
Phil Freeman, Tampa Bay	48	1085	22.6	0
Herman Hunter, Philadelphia	48	1047	21.8	0
Cliff Austin, Atlanta	39	838	21.5	1
Willie Tullis, New Orleans	23	480	20.9	0

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

NFC—99 yards, touchdown, Willie Gault, Chicago vs. Washington, September 29

AFC—98 yards, touchdown, Gary Anderson, San Diego vs. Denver, November 17

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Kenny Easley ..... Seattle
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Special Teamer
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Kent Hill ..... Los Angeles Rams
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Jay Hilgenberg ..... Chicago
Doug Smith ..... Los Angeles Rams
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Doug Cosbie ..... Dallas
Jimmie Giles ..... Tampa Bay
Quarterbacks
Joe Montana ..... San Francisco
Phil Simms ..... New York Giants
Running Backs
Walter Payton ..... Chicago
Roger Craig ..... San Francisco
Gerald Riggs ..... Atlanta
Joe Morris ..... New York Giants
DEFENSE
Ends
Richard Dent ..... Chicago
Leonard Marshall ..... New York Giants
Dan Hampton ..... Chicago
Nose Tackles
Randy White ..... Dallas
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Outside Linebackers
Lawrence Taylor ..... New York Giants
Rickey Jackson ..... New Orleans
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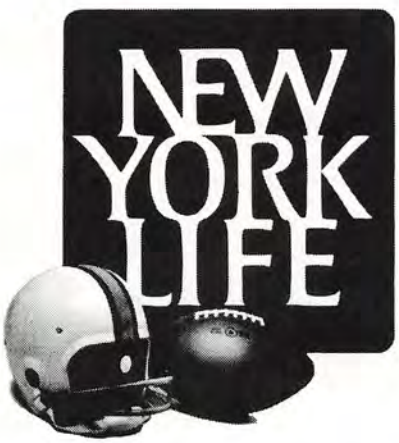

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AFC RESULTS

BUFFALO BILLS

Sept. 8	SAN DIEGO	9-14
Sept. 15	at New York Jets	3-42
Sept. 22	NEW ENGLAND	14-17
Sept. 29	MINNESOTA	20-27
Oct. 6	at Indianapolis	17-49
Oct. 13	at New England	3-14
Oct. 20	INDIANAPOLIS	21-9
Oct. 27	at Philadelphia	17-21
Nov. 3	CINCINNATI	17-23
Nov. 10	HOUSTON	20-0
Nov. 17	at Cleveland	7-17
Nov. 24	MIAMI	14-23
Dec. 1	at San Diego	7-40
Dec. 8	N.Y. JETS	7-27
Dec. 15	at Pittsburgh	24-30
Dec. 22	at Miami	0-28

W 2 L 14 **200-381**

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Sept. 8	SEATTLE	24-28
Sept. 15	at St. Louis	27-41
Sept. 22	SAN DIEGO	41-44
Sept. 30	at Pittsburgh (Mon.)	37-24
Oct. 6	N.Y. JETS	20-29
Oct. 13	N.Y. GIANTS	35-30
Oct. 20	at Houston	27-44
Oct. 27	PITTSBURGH	26-21
Nov. 3	at Buffalo	23-17
Nov. 10	CLEVELAND	27-10
Nov. 17	at L.A. Raiders	6-13
Nov. 24	at Cleveland	6-24
Dec. 1	HOUSTON	45-27
Dec. 8	DALLAS	50-24
Dec. 15	at Washington	24-27
Dec. 22	at New England	23-34

W 7 L 9 **441-437**

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Sept. 8	ST. LOUIS*	24-27
Sept. 16	PITTSBURGH (Mon.)	17-7
Sept. 22	at Dallas	7-20
Sept. 29	at San Diego	21-7
Oct. 6	NEW ENGLAND	24-20
Oct. 13	at Houston	21-6
Oct. 20	L.A. RAIDERS	20-21
Oct. 27	WASHINGTON	7-14
Nov. 3	at Pittsburgh	9-10
Nov. 10	at Cincinnati	10-27
Nov. 17	BUFFALO	17-7
Nov. 24	CINCINNATI	24-6
Dec. 1	at N.Y. Giants	35-33
Dec. 8	at Seattle	13-31
Dec. 15	HOUSTON	28-21
Dec. 22	at N.Y. Jets	10-37

W 8 L 8 **287-294**

DENVER BRONCOS

Sept. 8	at L.A. Rams	16-20
Sept. 15	NEW ORLEANS	34-23
Sept. 22	at Atlanta	44-28
Sept. 29	MIAMI	26-30
Oct. 6	HOUSTON	31-20
Oct. 13	at Indianapolis	15-10
Oct. 20	SEATTLE*	13-10
Oct. 27	at Kansas City	30-10
Nov. 3	at San Diego	10-30
Nov. 11	SAN FRANCISCO (Mon.)	17-16
Nov. 17	SAN DIEGO*	30-24
Nov. 24	at L.A. Raiders*	28-31
Dec. 1	at Pittsburgh	31-23
Dec. 8	L.A. RAIDERS*	14-17
Dec. 14	KANSAS CITY (Sat.)	14-13
Dec. 20	at Seattle (Fri.)	27-24

W 11 L 5 **380-329**

HOUSTON OILERS

Sept. 8	MIAMI	26-23
Sept. 15	at Washington	13-16
Sept. 22	at Pittsburgh	0-20
Sept. 29	DALLAS	10-17
Oct. 6	at Denver	20-31
Oct. 13	CLEVELAND	6-21
Oct. 20	CINCINNATI	44-27
Oct. 27	at St. Louis	20-10
Nov. 3	KANSAS CITY	23-20
Nov. 10	at Buffalo	0-20
Nov. 17	PITTSBURGH	7-30
Nov. 24	SAN DIEGO	37-35
Dec. 1	at Cincinnati	27-45
Dec. 8	N.Y. GIANTS	14-35
Dec. 15	at Cleveland	21-28
Dec. 22	at Indianapolis	16-34

W 5 L 11 **284-412**

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Sept. 8	at Pittsburgh	3-45
Sept. 15	at Miami	13-30
Sept. 22	DETROIT	14-6
Sept. 29	at N.Y. Jets	20-25
Oct. 6	BUFFALO	49-17
Oct. 13	DENVER	10-15
Oct. 20	at Buffalo	9-21
Oct. 27	GREEN BAY	37-10
Nov. 3	N.Y. JETS	17-35
Nov. 10	at New England	15-34
Nov. 17	MIAMI	20-34
Nov. 24	at Kansas City	7-20
Dec. 1	NEW ENGLAND	31-38
Dec. 8	at Chicago	10-17
Dec. 15	at Tampa Bay	31-23
Dec. 22	HOUSTON	34-16

W 5 L 11 **320-386**

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sept. 8	at New Orleans	47-27
Sept. 12	L.A. RAIDERS (Thurs.)	36-20
Sept. 22	at Miami	0-31
Sept. 29	SEATTLE	28-7
Oct. 6	at L.A. Raiders	10-19
Oct. 13	at San Diego	20-31
Oct. 20	L.A. RAMS	10-16
Oct. 27	DENVER	10-30
Nov. 3	at Houston	20-23
Nov. 10	PITTSBURGH	28-36
Nov. 17	at San Francisco	3-31
Nov. 24	INDIANAPOLIS	20-7
Dec. 1	at Seattle	6-24
Dec. 8	ATLANTA	38-10
Dec. 14	at Denver (Sat.)	13-14
Dec. 22	SAN DIEGO	38-34

W 6 L 10 **327-360**

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

Sept. 8	N.Y. JETS	31-0
Sept. 12	at Kansas City (Thurs.)	20-36
Sept. 22	SAN FRANCISCO	10-34
Sept. 29	at New England	35-20
Oct. 6	KANSAS CITY	19-10
Oct. 13	NEW ORLEANS	23-13
Oct. 20	at Cleveland	21-20
Oct. 28	SAN DIEGO (Mon.)	34-21
Nov. 3	at Seattle	3-33
Nov. 10	at San Diego*	34-40
Nov. 17	CINCINNATI	13-6
Nov. 24	DENVER*	31-28
Dec. 1	at Atlanta	34-24
Dec. 8	at Denver*	17-14
Dec. 15	SEATTLE	13-3
Dec. 23	at L.A. Rams (Mon.)	16-6

W 12 L 4 **354-308**

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Sept. 8	at Houston	23-26
Sept. 15	INDIANAPOLIS	30-13
Sept. 22	KANSAS CITY	31-0
Sept. 29	at Denver	30-26
Oct. 6	PITTSBURGH	24-20
Oct. 14	at N.Y. Jets (Mon.)	7-23
Oct. 20	TAMPA BAY	41-38
Oct. 27	at Detroit	21-31
Nov. 3	at New England	13-17
Nov. 10	N.Y. JETS	21-17
Nov. 17	at Indianapolis	34-20
Nov. 24	at Buffalo	23-14
Dec. 2	CHICAGO (Mon.)	38-24
Dec. 8	at Green Bay	34-24
Dec. 16	NEW ENGLAND (Mon.)	30-27
Dec. 22	BUFFALO	28-0

W 12 L 4 **428-320**

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Sept. 8	GREEN BAY	26-20
Sept. 15	at Chicago	7-20
Sept. 22	at Buffalo	17-14
Sept. 29	L.A. RAIDERS	20-35
Oct. 6	at Cleveland	20-24
Oct. 13	BUFFALO	14-3
Oct. 20	N.Y. JETS	20-13
Oct. 27	at Tampa Bay	32-14
Nov. 3	MIAMI	17-13
Nov. 10	INDIANAPOLIS	34-15
Nov. 17	at Seattle	20-13
Nov. 24	at N.Y. Jets*	13-16
Dec. 1	at Indianapolis	38-31
Dec. 8	DETROIT	23-6
Dec. 16	at Miami (Mon.)	27-30
Dec. 22	CINCINNATI	34-23

W 11 L 5 **362-290**

NEW YORK JETS

Sept. 8	at L.A. Raiders	0-31
Sept. 15	BUFFALO	42-3
Sept. 22	Green Bay at Milw.	24-3
Sept. 29	INDIANAPOLIS	25-20
Oct. 6	at Cincinnati	29-20
Oct. 14	MIAMI (Mon.)	23-7
Oct. 20	at New England	13-20
Oct. 27	SEATTLE	17-14
Nov. 3	at Indianapolis	35-17
Nov. 10	at Miami	17-21
Nov. 17	TAMPA BAY	62-28
Nov. 24	NEW ENGLAND*	16-13
Nov. 28	at Detroit (Thanks.)	20-31
Dec. 8	at Buffalo	27-7
Dec. 14	CHICAGO (Sat.)	6-19
Dec. 22	CLEVELAND	37-10

W 11 L 5 **393-264**

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Sept. 8	INDIANAPOLIS	45-3
Sept. 16	at Cleveland (Mon.)	7-17
Sept. 22	HOUSTON	20-0
Sept. 30	CINCINNATI (Mon.)	24-37
Oct. 6	at Miami	20-24
Oct. 13	at Dallas	13-27
Oct. 20	ST. LOUIS	23-10
Oct. 27	at Cincinnati	21-26
Nov. 3	CLEVELAND	10-9
Nov. 10	at Kansas City	36-28
Nov. 17	at Houston	30-7
Nov. 24	WASHINGTON	23-30
Dec. 1	DENVER	23-31
Dec. 8	at San Diego	44-54
Dec. 15	BUFFALO	30-24
Dec. 21	at N.Y. Giants (Sat.)	10-28

W 7 L 9 **379-355**

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Sept. 8	at Buffalo	14-9
Sept. 15	SEATTLE	35-49
Sept. 22	at Cincinnati	44-41
Sept. 29	CLEVELAND	7-21
Oct. 6	at Seattle	21-26
Oct. 13	KANSAS CITY	31-20
Oct. 20	at Minnesota	17-21
Oct. 28	at L.A. Raiders (Mon.)	21-34
Nov. 3	DENVER	30-10
Nov. 10	L.A. RAIDERS*	40-34
Nov. 17	at Denver*	24-30
Nov. 24	at Houston	35-37
Dec. 1	BUFFALO	40-7
Dec. 8	PITTSBURGH	54-44
Dec. 15	PHILADELPHIA	20-14
Dec. 22	at Kansas City	34-38

W 8 L 8 **467-435**

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Sept. 8	at Cincinnati	28-24
Sept. 15	at San Diego	49-35
Sept. 23	L.A. RAMS (Mon.)	24-35
Sept. 29	at Kansas City	7-28
Oct. 6	SAN DIEGO	26-21
Oct. 13	ATLANTA	30-26
Oct. 20	at Denver*	10-13
Oct. 27	at N.Y. Jets	14-17
Nov. 3	L.A. RAIDERS	33-3
Nov. 10	at New Orleans	27-3
Nov. 17	NEW ENGLAND	13-20
Nov. 25	at San Francisco (Mon.)	6-19
Dec. 1	KANSAS CITY	24-6
Dec. 8	CLEVELAND	31-13
Dec. 15	at L.A. Raiders	3-13
Dec. 20	DENVER (Fri.)	24-27

W 8 L 8 **349-303**

1985 AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Miami	12	4	0	.750	428	320
N.Y. Jets	11	5	0	.688	393	264
New England	11	5	0	.688	362	290
Indianapolis	5	11	0	.313	320	386
Buffalo	2	14	0	.125	200	381

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cleveland	8	8	0	.500	287	294
Cincinnati	7	9	0	.438	441	437
Pittsburgh	7	9	0	.438	379	355
Houston	5	11	0	.313	284	412

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
L.A. Raiders	12	4	0	.750	354	308
Denver	11	5	0	.688	380	329
Seattle	8	8	0	.500	349	303
San Diego	8	8	0	.500	467	435
Kansas City	6	10	0	.375	327	360

Wild Card Game
New England 26, N.Y. Jets 14
Divisional Playoffs
Miami 24, Cleveland 21
New England 27, L.A. Raiders 20
Championship Game
New England 31, Miami 14

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ATLANTA FALCONS

Sept. 8	DETROIT	27-28
Sept. 15	at San Francisco	16-35
Sept. 22	DENVER	28-44
Sept. 29	at L.A. Rams	6-17
Oct. 6	SAN FRANCISCO	17-38
Oct. 13	at Seattle	26-30
Oct. 20	NEW ORLEANS	31-24
Oct. 27	at Dallas	10-24
Nov. 3	WASHINGTON	10-44
Nov. 10	at Philadelphia*	17-23
Nov. 17	L.A. RAMS	30-14
Nov. 24	at Chicago	0-36
Dec. 1	L.A. RAIDERS	24-34
Dec. 8	at Kansas City	10-38
Dec. 15	MINNESOTA	14-13
Dec. 22	at New Orleans	16-10
W 4 L 12		**282-452**

CHICAGO BEARS

Sept. 8	TAMPA BAY	38-28
Sept. 15	NEW ENGLAND	20-7
Sept. 19	at Minnesota (Thurs.)	33-24
Sept. 29	WASHINGTON	45-10
Oct. 6	at Tampa Bay	27-19
Oct. 13	at San Francisco	26-10
Oct. 21	GREEN BAY (Mon.)	23-7
Oct. 27	MINNESOTA	27-9
Nov. 3	at Green Bay	16-10
Nov. 10	DETROIT	24-3
Nov. 17	at Dallas	44-0
Nov. 24	ATLANTA	36-0
Dec. 2	at Miami (Mon.)	24-38
Dec. 8	INDIANAPOLIS	17-10
Dec. 14	at N.Y. Jets (Sat.)	19-6
Dec. 22	at Detroit	37-17
W 15 L 1		**456-198**

DALLAS COWBOYS

Sept. 9	WASHINGTON (Mon.)	44-14
Sept. 15	at Detroit	21-26
Sept. 22	CLEVELAND	20-7
Sept. 29	at Houston	17-10
Oct. 6	at N.Y. Giants	30-29
Oct. 13	PITTSBURGH	27-13
Oct. 20	at Philadelphia	14-16
Oct. 27	ATLANTA	24-10
Nov. 4	at St. Louis (Mon.)	10-21
Nov. 10	at Washington	13-7
Nov. 17	CHICAGO	0-44
Nov. 24	PHILADELPHIA	34-17
Nov. 28	ST. LOUIS (Thanks.)	35-17
Dec. 8	at Cincinnati	24-50
Dec. 15	N.Y. GIANTS	28-21
Dec. 22	at San Francisco	16-31
W 10 L 6		**357-333**

DETROIT LIONS

Sept. 8	at Atlanta	28-27
Sept. 15	DALLAS	26-21
Sept. 22	at Indianapolis	6-14
Sept. 29	TAMPA BAY	30-9
Oct. 6	at Green Bay	10-43
Oct. 13	at Washington	3-24
Oct. 20	SAN FRANCISCO	23-21
Oct. 27	MIAMI	31-21
Nov. 3	at Minnesota	13-16
Nov. 10	at Chicago	3-24
Nov. 17	MINNESOTA	41-21
Nov. 24	at Tampa Bay*	16-19
Nov. 28	N.Y. JETS (Thanks.)	31-20
Dec. 8	at New England	6-23
Dec. 15	GREEN BAY	23-26
Dec. 22	CHICAGO	17-37
W 7 L 9		**307-366**

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Sept. 8	at New England	20-26
Sept. 15	N.Y. GIANTS	23-20
Sept. 22	N.Y. JETS at Milw.	3-24
Sept. 29	at St. Louis	28-43
Oct. 6	DETROIT	43-10
Oct. 13	MINNESOTA at Milw.	20-17
Oct. 21	at Chicago (Mon.)	7-23
Oct. 27	at Indianapolis	10-37
Nov. 3	CHICAGO	10-16
Nov. 10	at Minnesota	27-17
Nov. 17	NEW ORLEANS at Milw.	38-14
Nov. 24	at L.A. Rams	17-34
Dec. 1	TAMPA BAY	21-0
Dec. 8	MIAMI	24-34
Dec. 15	at Detroit	26-23
Dec. 22	at Tampa Bay	20-17
W 8 L 8		**337-355**

LOS ANGELES RAMS

Sept. 8	DENVER	20-16
Sept. 15	at Philadelphia	17-6
Sept. 23	at Seattle (Mon.)	35-24
Sept. 29	ATLANTA	17-6
Oct. 6	MINNESOTA	13-10
Oct. 13	at Tampa Bay	31-27
Oct. 20	at Kansas City	16-10
Oct. 27	SAN FRANCISCO	14-28
Nov. 3	NEW ORLEANS	28-10
Nov. 10	at N.Y. Giants	19-24
Nov. 17	at Atlanta	14-30
Nov. 24	GREEN BAY	34-17
Dec. 1	at New Orleans	3-29
Dec. 9	at San Francisco (Mon.)	27-20
Dec. 15	ST. LOUIS	46-14
Dec. 23	L.A. RAIDERS (Mon.)	6-16
W 11 L 5		**340-287**

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Sept. 8	SAN FRANCISCO	28-21
Sept. 15	at Tampa Bay	31-16
Sept. 19	CHICAGO (Thurs.)	24-33
Sept. 29	at Buffalo	27-20
Oct. 6	at L.A. Rams	10-13
Oct. 13	Green Bay at Milw.	17-20
Oct. 20	SAN DIEGO	21-17
Oct. 27	at Chicago	9-27
Nov. 3	DETROIT	16-13
Nov. 10	GREEN BAY	17-27
Nov. 17	at Detroit	21-41
Nov. 24	NEW ORLEANS	23-30
Dec. 1	at Philadelphia	28-23
Dec. 8	TAMPA BAY	26-7
Dec. 15	at Atlanta	13-14
Dec. 22	PHILADELPHIA	35-37
W 7 L 9		**346-359**

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Sept. 8	KANSAS CITY	27-47
Sept. 15	at Denver	23-34
Sept. 22	TAMPA BAY	20-13
Sept. 29	at San Francisco	20-17
Oct. 6	PHILADELPHIA	23-21
Oct. 13	at L.A. Raiders	13-23
Oct. 20	at Atlanta	24-31
Oct. 27	N.Y. GIANTS	13-21
Nov. 3	at L.A. Rams	10-28
Nov. 10	SEATTLE	3-27
Nov. 17	Green Bay at Milw.	14-38
Nov. 24	at Minnesota	30-23
Dec. 1	L.A. RAMS	29-3
Dec. 8	at St. Louis	16-28
Dec. 15	SAN FRANCISCO	19-31
Dec. 22	ATLANTA	10-16
W 5 L 11		**294-401**

NEW YORK GIANTS

Sept. 8	PHILADELPHIA	21-0
Sept. 15	at Green Bay	20-23
Sept. 22	ST. LOUIS	27-17
Sept. 29	at Philadelphia*	16-10
Oct. 6	DALLAS	29-30
Oct. 13	at Cincinnati	30-35
Oct. 20	WASHINGTON	17-3
Oct. 27	at New Orleans	21-13
Nov. 3	TAMPA BAY	22-20
Nov. 10	L.A. RAMS	24-19
Nov. 18	at Washington (Mon.)	21-23
Nov. 24	at St. Louis	34-3
Dec. 1	CLEVELAND	33-35
Dec. 8	at Houston	35-14
Dec. 15	at Dallas	21-28
Dec. 21	PITTSBURGH (Sat.)	28-10
W 10 L 6		**399-283**

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Sept. 8	at N.Y. Giants	0-21
Sept. 15	L.A. RAMS	6-17
Sept. 22	at Washington	19-6
Sept. 29	N.Y. GIANTS*	10-16
Oct. 6	at New Orleans	21-23
Oct. 13	at St. Louis	30-7
Oct. 20	DALLAS	16-14
Oct. 27	BUFFALO	21-17
Nov. 3	at San Francisco	13-24
Nov. 10	ATLANTA*	23-17
Nov. 17	ST. LOUIS	24-14
Nov. 24	at Dallas	17-34
Dec. 1	MINNESOTA	23-28
Dec. 8	WASHINGTON	12-17
Dec. 15	at San Diego	14-20
Dec. 22	at Minnesota	37-35
W 7 L 9		**286-310**

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Sept. 8	at Cleveland*	27-24
Sept. 15	CINCINNATI	41-27
Sept. 22	at N.Y. Giants	17-27
Sept. 29	GREEN BAY	43-28
Oct. 7	at Washington (Mon.)	10-27
Oct. 13	PHILADELPHIA	7-30
Oct. 20	at Pittsburgh	10-23
Oct. 27	HOUSTON	10-20
Nov. 4	DALLAS (Mon.)	21-10
Nov. 10	at Tampa Bay	0-16
Nov. 17	at Philadelphia	14-24
Nov. 24	N.Y. GIANTS	3-34
Nov. 28	at Dallas (Thanks.)	17-35
Dec. 8	NEW ORLEANS	28-16
Dec. 15	at L.A. Rams	14-46
Dec. 21	WASHINGTON (Sat.)	17-28
W 5 L 11		**279-415**

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Sept. 8	at Minnesota	21-28
Sept. 15	ATLANTA	35-16
Sept. 22	at L.A. Raiders	34-10
Sept. 29	NEW ORLEANS	17-20
Oct. 6	at Atlanta	38-17
Oct. 13	CHICAGO	10-26
Oct. 20	at Detroit	21-23
Oct. 27	at L.A. Rams	28-14
Nov. 3	PHILADELPHIA	24-13
Nov. 11	at Denver (Mon.)	16-17
Nov. 17	KANSAS CITY	31-3
Nov. 25	SEATTLE (Mon.)	19-6
Dec. 1	at Washington	35-8
Dec. 9	L.A. RAMS (Mon.)	20-27
Dec. 15	at New Orleans	31-19
Dec. 22	DALLAS	31-16
W 10 L 6		**411-263**

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Sept. 8	at Chicago	28-38
Sept. 15	MINNESOTA	16-31
Sept. 22	at New Orleans	13-20
Sept. 29	at Detroit	9-30
Oct. 6	CHICAGO	19-27
Oct. 13	L.A. RAMS	27-31
Oct. 20	at Miami	38-41
Oct. 27	NEW ENGLAND	14-32
Nov. 3	at N.Y. Giants	20-22
Nov. 10	ST. LOUIS	16-0
Nov. 17	at N.Y. Jets	28-62
Nov. 24	DETROIT*	19-16
Dec. 1	at Green Bay	0-21
Dec. 8	at Minnesota	7-26
Dec. 15	INDIANAPOLIS	23-31
Dec. 22	GREEN BAY	17-20
W 2 L 14		**294-448**

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Sept. 8	at Dallas (Mon.)	14-44
Sept. 15	HOUSTON	16-13
Sept. 22	PHILADELPHIA	6-19
Sept. 29	at Chicago	10-45
Oct. 7	ST. LOUIS (Mon.)	27-10
Oct. 13	DETROIT	24-3
Oct. 20	at N.Y. Giants	3-17
Oct. 27	at Cleveland	14-7
Nov. 3	at Atlanta	44-10
Nov. 10	DALLAS	7-13
Nov. 18	N.Y. GIANTS (Mon.)	23-21
Nov. 24	at Pittsburgh	30-23
Dec. 1	SAN FRANCISCO	8-35
Dec. 8	at Philadelphia	17-12
Dec. 15	CINCINNATI	27-24
Dec. 21	at St. Louis (Sat.)	28-17
W 10 L 6		**298-313**

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Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	10	6	0	.625	357	333
N.Y. Giants	10	6	0	.625	399	283
Washington	10	6	0	.625	298	313
Philadelphia	7	9	0	.438	286	310
St Louis	5	11	0	.313	279	415

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Chicago	15	1	0	.938	456	198
Green Bay	8	8	0	.500	337	355
Minnesota	7	9	0	.438	346	359
Detroit	7	9	0	.438	307	366
Tampa Bay	2	14	0	.125	294	448

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
L.A. Rams	11	5	0	.688	340	287
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625	411	263
New Orleans	5	11	0	.313	294	401
Atlanta	4	12	0	.250	282	452

Wild Card Game
N.Y. Giants 17, San Francisco 3
Divisional Playoffs
L.A. Rams 20, Dallas 0
Chicago 21, N.Y. Giants 0
Championship Game
Chicago 24, L.A. Rams 0

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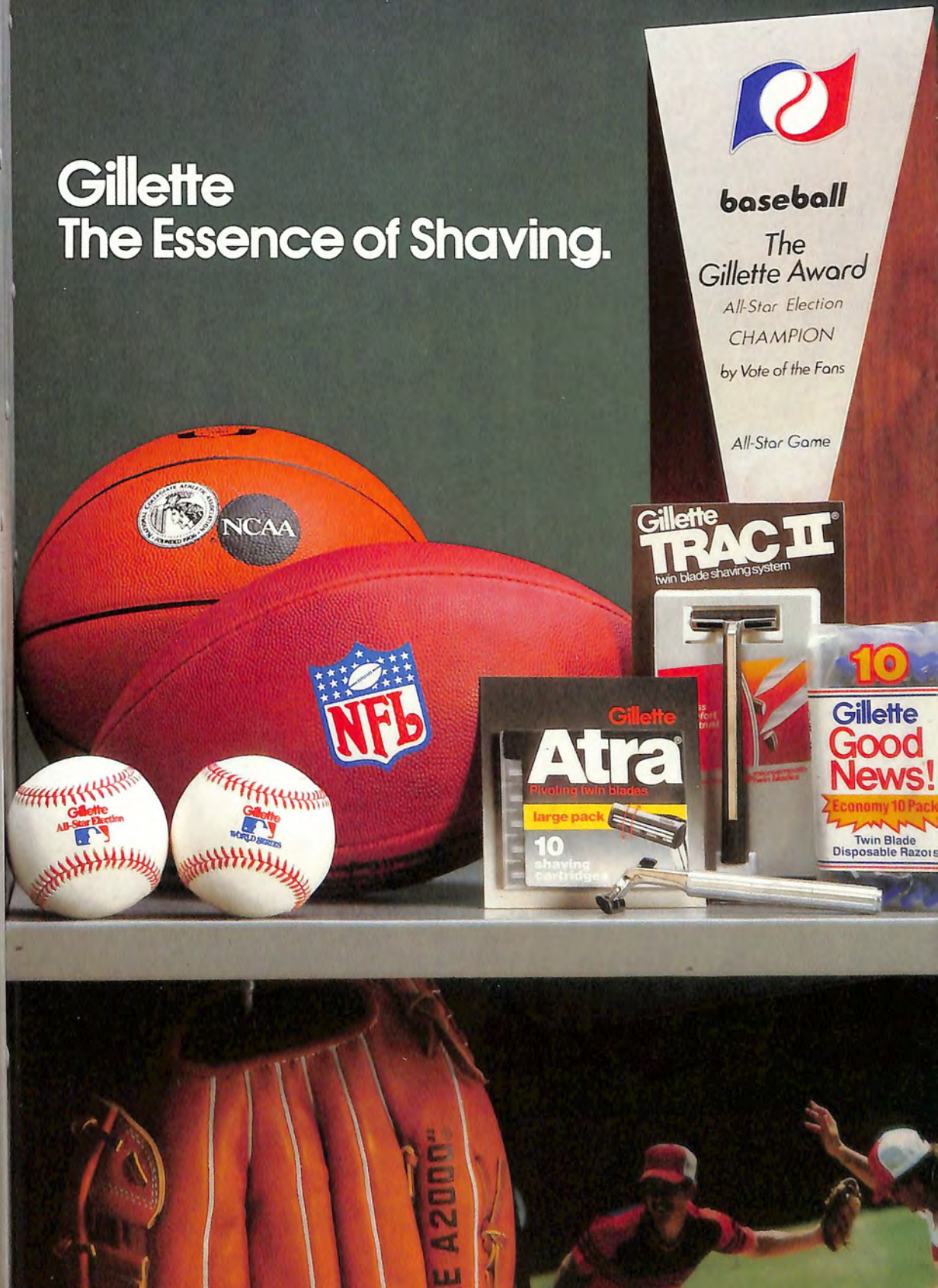

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